



TEACHER EDUCATION

NCATE delivers good news

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern's teacher education program received "a tremendously positive evaluation" Wednesday during an exit briefing by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education's evaluation team.

The teacher education program, which was NCATE-certified in 1991, must go through an evaluation every five years to maintain that accreditation. Following an exit interview with the three-person NCATE team Wednesday, members of Missouri Southern's NCATE committee held a meeting to look to the future and set up a plan of action for the next evaluation.



Leon

According to Dr. Cameron Pulliam, associate professor of education and Southern's NCATE coordinator, the exit discussion with the NCATE team was very positive.

"We were pleased with the exit interview," he said. "The team noted 10 strengths of our program, six weaknesses from the initial review that have met NCATE standards, and a few weaknesses that need to be brought up to standards."

The team arrived in Joplin Saturday and began a preliminary review of collected data to evaluate. It spent all day Sunday doing a thorough investigation of the College's education program.

"They went through four filing cabinets plus projects, student journals, and conducted interviews with over 100 people who contributed to the program including education faculty, campus faculty, and various educators around the area," Pulliam said.

College President Julio Leon said the visit was a positive step for the teacher education program as well as for the College.

"I feel that it was a tremendously positive evaluation," Leon said.

One of the aspects of the College that impressed the NCATE team was the sense of community it found

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COLLEGE LANDMARK



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Tori Vicalik (left), junior music major, Enos Currey (center), Joplin Junior College's first graduate in 1939, and Dr. Julio Leon, College president, are among the first people to sit along the newly dedicated "Sitting Wall" in the campus oval Friday afternoon.

'Wall' brings together generations

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One highlight of this year's Homecoming was the dedication concerning Missouri Southern's newest perching area.

"The Sitting Wall" was formally reintroduced at the College during a Homecoming ceremony Friday at its new location in the center walkway of the oval.

Reconstructed of Carthage stone that encircled the Joplin Junior College when it was located at Fourth and Byers, the sitting wall was a common gathering place where students met to visit and sometimes swallow goldfish during the 1940s.

College President Julio Leon said the wall is a great gift from a past generation.

"The wall will remind us forever of the origins of this college and where we come from," he said.

Enos Currey, the first graduate of JJC and the first student to receive a degree from the late Dean Harry Blaine at the May 1939 commencement, said he sensed the wall would

transplant an old, traditional feeling to the campus.

"I think it was wonderful that they found enough of the wall to build a 50-foot section," he said. "I think it will serve the same purpose as it did at the old junior college, but I wish that there were more of it."

It was at the Currey home in Webb City that the College's alma mater song was written by a group of students that included Currey, Mary Laird McClintock, Joan Epperson Giles, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson.

Currey is a retired newspaper editorialist with the *Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman* and *The Colorado Springs Sun*. Currey, who now lives in Oklahoma City, said the picture portraying women sitting along "The Sitting Wall" brought back fond memories of his time at JJC.

"Seeing them sitting their with their laps full of studies reminded me of my time," he said.

"The Sitting Wall" is a gift from the 1941-1945 war years classes. A committee headed by Barbara Ray, class of 1942, conducted a fund-raiser in which more than \$2,300 was contributed for the project.

HIGHER EDUCATION

CBHE to visit Southern

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) will showcase its new three-step "blueprint" for higher education during a forum at 10:30 a.m. today at the Twin Hills Country Club in Joplin.

The forum, organized by the CBHE, the Council of Public Higher Education, Missouri Southern, and Crowder College, will present how its "blueprint"



Stroup

will affect learning institutions in southwest Missouri.

According to College President Julio Leon, the CBHE's blueprint will consist of the delivery of post-secondary and vocational-technical education, the designing of an effective telecommunications system, and reviews of educational missions.

Leon said the needs for more v-tech education caused the CBHE to focus its attention on such programs.

"This is one area in which the state must have a comprehensive delivery system," he said. "We must use of these sources so that the state remains competitive."

The "blueprint" for Missouri will be presented by Dr. Kala Stroup, Missouri commissioner for higher education.

Leon said institutions in southwest Missouri must work in collaboration for the CBHE's plan to be effective.

TECHNOLOGY

Computers make indelible impact

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

No one can deny the fact computers have made an incredible impact on the college student and the college educator.

However, it has also made an indelible mark on the college classroom as well. More and more, college courses are being moved from the classroom and into the computer lab. "Every year I am amazed at how technology enhances the classrooms," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

Classrooms in Reynolds Hall now have in place multi-media systems that allow slides, videos, and other images to be shown in the classroom. Classes that were once taught using pencils, paper, chalk, and blackboards are now being done solely on computers.

Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, now teaches a class that has

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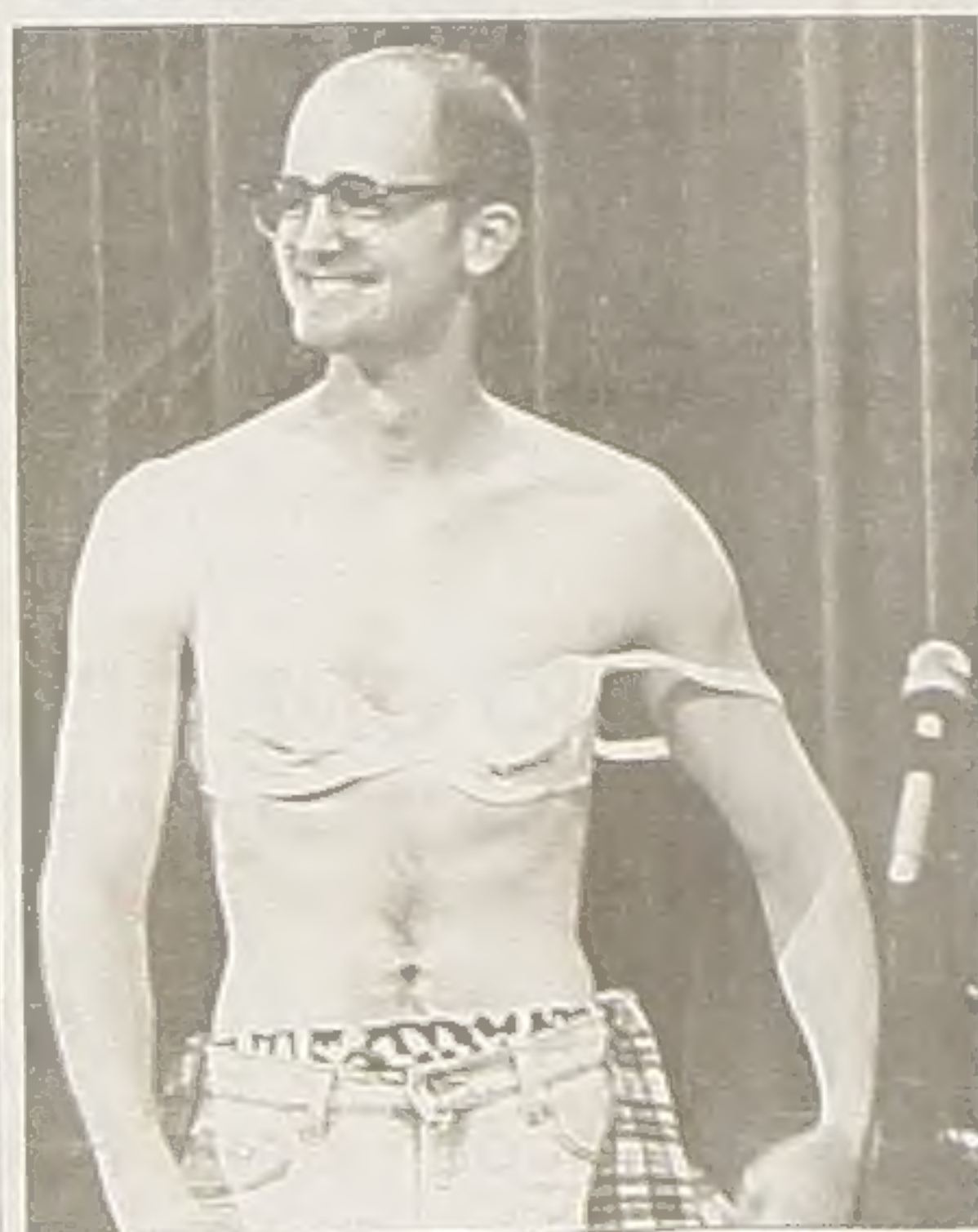
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Kris Graves, sophomore undecided major, shows off his new undergarment at the talent show Thursday in Webster Auditorium.

STUDENT SENATE

Results show mixed interest

Administration answers questions during forum

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Nine issues were brought before three of Missouri Southern's top administrators by the College's Student Senate Wednesday night.

Because of an extremely tight agenda set by Senate President Grant Miller, the meeting went smoothly and both sides had ample time to present their views.

Miller brought up the *Crossroads: The Magazine* debate in the middle of the talks. The issue has been one of the body's hottest topics for the last two years. Ideas thrown around included new ways to distribute the magazine, finding a new way to fund the magazine, and putting more campus-oriented items in the magazine.

Alan Brady, senior senator, suggested mailing the magazine to students, which he said he had already discussed with Jean Campbell, the magazine's adviser.

College President Julio Leon reiterated his statements about the magazine that he made last year. There is no student interest in a yearbook, whether it be producing it or picking it up, he said.

**Student
Senate's
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— Poll**

276 students polled

1.) Is *Crossroads* a quality publication?
YES 59% NO 19%

2.) Are *Crossroads* articles relevant to MSSC?
YES 57% NO 19%

3.) Would you prefer a college magazine or hardback annual?
MAGAZINE 25% YEARBOOK 61.5% BOTH 10.9%

Left-over percentages are undecided

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Talks moved to working with the magazine staff in order to get a product that met both sides' needs. "Crossroads staff has

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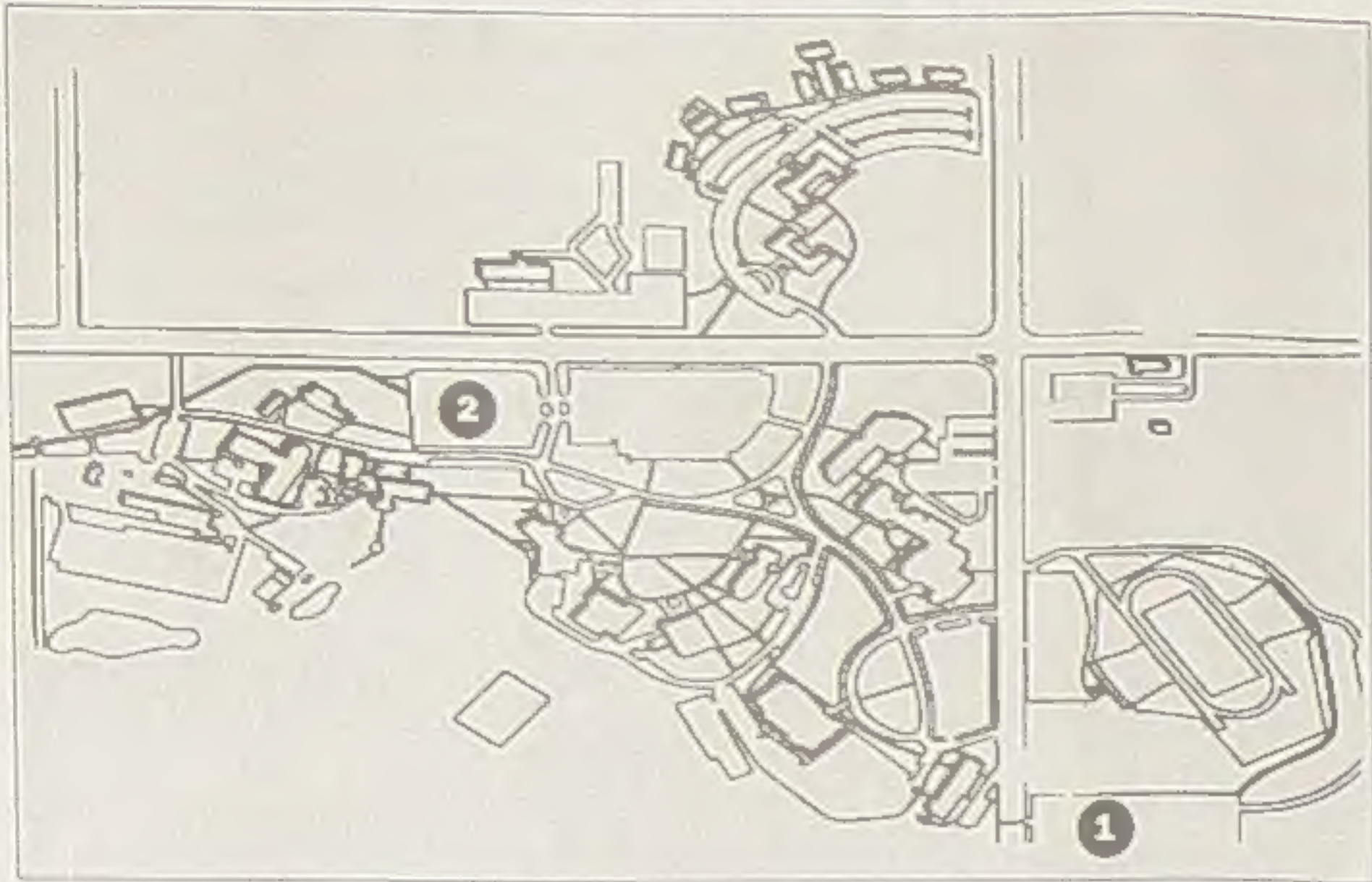


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SECURITY REPORT



1 10/12/96 LOT 118 1 p.m. Melissa Ruiz, freshman criminal justice major, parked her car in the gravel lot next to Fred G. Hughes Stadium at 1 p.m. to attend the Homecoming football game. When she returned to her car at 5:30 p.m., she discovered someone broke the right rear wing glass out of her 1992 Dodge Shadow. Ruiz's purse along with purses of three friends, Amber Irwin, sophomore nursing applicant, Mandy Stark, freshman criminal justice major, and Amy Elliott, sophomore elementary education major, were stolen. The purses contained various identification, credit cards, and personal items. Also stolen was a Sony CD player and a blanket.

2 10/14/96 MAIN LOT Noon Geoffrey Kunkler, freshman undeclared major, found the license plate of his 1995 Nissan Altima on the ground when he returned to his car at noon after class. Upon further observation, Kunkler discovered damage on the lower air dam.

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NURSING DEPARTMENT

Hoover receives state award

By RONNA SPARKS
CAMPUS EDITOR

As Missouri Southern students are preparing to enter the job market of tomorrow, Melinda Hoover, senior nursing major, is focusing on nurses of the 21st century.

Hoover was one of four Southern students to attend the 44th annual Missouri Nursing Students' Association Convention in Columbia, where she was named State Student Nurse of the Year for the Student Nurses' Association.

"I was really tickled and am proud of the fact that I was selected," Hoover said.

To be nominated, one student from each nursing school is select-

ed by the school director.

The student must write a philosophy of nursing to submit. Hoover's philosophy focused on the aspect of caring in nursing.

"I care about people," she said.

"I feel like I have the capacity to make a difference in people's lives and make a difference in the world."

Marilyn Jacobs, associate professor of nursing and SNA adviser, said nursing students from 45 schools competed for the honor.

"It's very significant because it's very difficult," she said.

"We have students from all schools that apply. This is a very big award."

Hoover, 27, said it was an honor to be selected, but said she wasn't

alone in her accomplishment.

Hoover supplements her studies by employment pertaining to her major at St. John's Regional Center in the medical cardiac unit.

"In the nursing program we get quite a bit of experience in a lot of different places," she said.

"At my job I get to interact with the same nurses and work with some of the same patients, so I get a lot of experience and I've got a better idea of what nursing is and what it does."

Hoover wasn't the only student receiving an award or responsibility at the convention.

Senior nursing majors Beckye Barker received the office of public relations director, and Mary Carpenter is the SNA newsletter editor. □

INFORMATION SERVICES

Overheating possible cause of crash

By LESLIE ROBERTS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The server for the computer information sciences students and faculty went down at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 and was down for about 24 hours, according to J. Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services.

"We had been having a problem for about two or three weeks with the server overheating," Earney said.

"There's so much stuff in the

case, the fans and everything weren't designed to cool that much."

The server is currently functioning well. The cover has been physically removed to aid in cooling.

"We're waiting to see if that solves the problem," Earney said.

"If the server doesn't go down within 10 days from last Wednesday, we'll know we've solved the problem."

If the problem does not recur within that time frame, the department will purchase a new case for the server.

"There's a \$300 option. It's a tower, not a mini-tower, but a tower that will provide better circulation and cooling," Earney said.

If such a course of action is followed, he said no one should be inconvenienced by the maintenance.

"We normally do our maintenance on Friday evening, and that particular lab closes at 5 p.m., so no one will be inconvenienced."

If the server does not experience any more problems, the maintenance will take place Friday evening, Oct. 25. □



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Jocks itch for new gym facility

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

College President Julio Leon says Missouri Southern may erect a new physical education facility within the next five years.

"We have outgrown Young Gymnasium," he said. "We would like to build a functional, yet economic facility that will meet our needs."

The plans for the facility are still in the preliminary stages.

"We are not sure exactly what is going to be possible," Leon said.

The facility, expected to accom-

modate 4,000 spectators, would be used primarily for basketball and volleyball but would also be equipped with lockers, dressing rooms, and an indoor running track. The location of the 65,000-square-foot proposed physical education facility has not been determined yet. Leon said it most likely would be located near Hughes Stadium.

"We have a basic need to have a dressing area for football," he said. "Right now our players as well as our guest teams have to cross the street, and we need to correct that."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the kinesiology depart-

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Julio Leon
College president

ment expressed the need for a larger facility.

"The thing that galvanized it the most was when the Board of

Regents took a tour in May or June and realized the need," he said.

Tiede said the projected cost for the building would be roughly \$6

million, which he hopes will be partially funded through "a capital request, allowing for approximately \$2 million to be put toward the facility."

Leon said the College would explore the possibility of obtaining partial state support for the project. "Other possibilities include issuing bonds to be paid out of the College funds and possibly doing some fund raising as well," he said.

Leon said the College would not ask Joplin voters again to approve a multi-purpose facility on campus.

"They have failed twice," he said. "We have given up and are going to initiate something of our own."

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Grants offer faculty opportunities

\$60,000 set aside for educators

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Opportunities for faculty in travel abroad and also initiate internationally focused curricula have been made available to Missouri Southern instructors through its institute of international studies.

The institute has outlined a series of grants available for faculty members to take seminars and classes in foreign countries. The institute also introduced a funding initiative to internationalize the curriculum.

"It's always been the intent of the international mission to work toward [utilizing] faculty in all efforts to globalize the curriculum across the campus," said Richard Massa, director of the institute.

Massa also said plans are in the works to offer similar programs to students.

Currently, \$60,000 has been allocated to fund these programs from the international mission's budget. Each program will receive \$30,000 for its initiation.

Massa, who has traveled extensively around the globe, said the experience an instructor gains from learning in a foreign land is invaluable.

"It changes your perspectives, and it changes your

understanding of many things," he said.

Dr. Allen Merriam, a professor of communications who has also traveled abroad and taken classes in other countries, agreed with Massa.

"It broadens your awareness of the world and introduces us to the beauties of other countries," Merriam said.

Both programs offer two rounds of funding, with an expected five to 15 grants per round. Foreign study grants are available for places like Brazil, China, South Africa, and Great Britain. Also, some grants are available for summer study at the University of Cambridge, England.

Merriam said a myriad of knowledge can be learned and absorbed while traveling abroad.

"Sometimes you just pick up things by osmosis, and sometimes you can study specific topics," he said.

Merriam traveled to India in 1974 to do research on Mahatma Gandhi's techniques of nonverbal persuasion. His most recent trip was in 1986 to Soviet-controlled Hungary. That trip was sponsored by his church, but Merriam still brought things back to use in his classroom.

"Whenever you travel it sort of enriches you," he said.

Massa said the program will enable faculty to "have ownership in the total program."



HUMANITARIAN

Soft spot leads strays to new home

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A Missouri Southern student went to register her car at the campus security office, and little did she know she would be accompanied home by five extra passengers.

Four kittens and their mother turned up on the campus and sought refuge near the physical plant building where Janice Stebbins, secretary of the physical plant, and JoAnn Fry, day custodial supervisor, sustained their lives for nearly two months until Betsy Pauly spotted them.

"We had been feeding them for a couple of months, and when she noticed them, she asked if we would care if she captured them," Stebbins said. "She said she would find homes for them."

Pauly, a post-graduate student at Southern, has a soft spot for stray animals, and after spying the felines, desired to rescue them from the hazards of outdoor life.

She terms herself an "animal advocate" because she has a deep-seated interest in animal protection.

"My husband says I have 'stray-dar' (an animal-oriented form of radar)," she said.

Pauly said she doesn't take strays from people, but does explain to them the steps they can take to care for the animal. However, when she finds a stray dog or cat, she does what she can to find it a good home.

"My main focus is spaying and neutering of cats and dogs," Pauly said. "I feel this is the root of the problem."

Pauly was instrumental in getting a law passed in Carthage requiring all outdoor cats to be altered.

"The law isn't for dogs because we have the leash law in Carthage," she said.

After extricating the animals, Pauly takes several steps to ensure their safety before seeking out proper homes for them.

"I make sure they're healthy, get



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Southern student Betsy Pauly cuddles with one of the new pets she acquired when she rescued a family of cats from its campus refuge.

them tested and vaccinated, and socialize them because a lot of them have never been handled," she said. "Then I place an ad in the newspaper and selectively find them homes."

Pauly does not charge for the rescued animals, but instead requests donations to aid in her self-funded assistance program. The Pauly Fund is a program she and her husband, Chuck, started for spaying and neutering assistance. The fund assists limited-income families with altering their pets to prevent overpopulation and promote responsible pet ownership.

"Pets are a long-term commitment," Pauly said. "When you adopt a pet, you are agreeing to take care of that animal."

She said pets are not only therapeutic, but are sources of unconditional love.

Pauly once worked for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in Dallas.

"It was a good learning experience," she said. "I learned the dos and don'ts of handling animals and people."

Pauly said she is not against the breeding of animals, but wishes to emphasize "responsible breeding. I

don't like to see people letting their animals have litter after litter," she said.

She said cats are so prolific they can have as many as four litters a year.

According to Pauly, cats are really domestic animals.

"They can survive by catching mice, but it's not a happy life," she said. "There are so many hazards — cars, other animals, and disease."

Although many people may feel the animal over population is too overwhelming to do anything about, Pauly said there are measures they can take to aid in reducing the problem.

People love animals, but just don't want to see it," she said. "They think it's not their problem. People can do something about it; they can have their pet altered and tell their friends about it."

Pauly said having pets spayed or neutered has become a trend in larger coastal cities.

"They are working toward being more responsible."

How she got into this line of work, she said, was a "gradual thing. We love animals and can't turn our backs on them."

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



MICHELLE COMTY/The Chart

Digging into his lunch at the Child Development Center is 3-year-old Tarren Martin. Many youngsters enjoy the confines of Southern.

Kiddie care more than training for students

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

Gleeful screams and giggles echo across the parking lot, emanating from a small playground. A handful of teachers and students manage to look both harried and serene as they try to stay ahead of about 100 children ranging in age from 2 to 6.

It's just another quiet day at the Missouri Southern's Child Development Center. However, that scene eventually may be repeated at night and even on the weekends, said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"If we add very many more night classes or go to being a weekend college, as has been discussed recently, we will definitely have to reevaluate the schedule of the Center," Carnahan said. "But for now, there are no definite changes in the making that I know of."

The Center employs several work-study students in addition to its four full-time employees: Dana Forsythe, Amber Tankersley, and Lisa Whitaker, who each keep daily watch over a class of about 100 children, and Phyllis Hight, who cooks meals and snacks for the children.

The Center also serves as practicum credit for early childhood education majors. However, it is also occasionally occupied by nursing students, who are required to spend a certain number of hours observing children.

Forsythe, who cares for a class of 4- and 5-year-olds, said that while she's not technically a teacher, she does carry much responsibility for her children.

"Because these kids are all preschool age, we aren't really teachers in that we have no assignments or subjects, but we do have a group activity every day and a different theme every month. This month we're studying fall things, and last month

was farm month," she said, pointing at a toddler-sized red barn built by a practicum student.

Whitaker, who watches about 10 to 20 rather active 2-year-olds, is quick to point out that they do prepare the children for school in several ways.

"The kids learn about working in groups and solving problems through their daily activities," she said. "Our philosophy is that children learn by doing, so instead of telling them what to do, we show them and provide lots of opportunities for them to do things for themselves."

The Center recently received a donation of several new computers from the music department, and the children love playing games on them.

"I like to play shapes (an image recognition game) and push the buttons," said Lonnie Comstock, 2. Joshua Chenoweth, 3, agreed, saying, "The computers are fun."

Felicia Marley, a senior psychology major, works nine to 10 hours a week in the Center.

"I just love being in here around the kids; they're so much fun to be with," she laughed, carrying one child in her arms and leading another by the hand toward the playground.

Lenora Wiley, who has worked at the Child Development Center for seven years, has been its director for the last three.

"The Center was first opened in 1987, as a response to a campus-wide survey on need for child care," Wiley said. "At that time, the survey indicated that 46 percent of students enrolled were over the age of 23."

The Center is currently open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, during the semesters. The Center remains open during vacations and between semesters, provided there are at least 10 children per day enrolled.

"We've always had enough enrolled to stay open during the vacations and breaks, and during Christmas," Wiley said.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Prep students coming to experience Southern

Missouri Southern will be inundated Friday with high school juniors and seniors taking a look at the campus.

This isn't just a breeze through the College, though. These students, who may be accompanied by their parents, will take part in Southern's annual Fall Visit Day. The event starts at 9 a.m. in the Billingsly Student Center.

High school students who are interested in attending the College will get a rundown of what is offered, how to pay for it, and housing opportunities.

A tour of the campus will be given as well as the presentations. The new Student Life Center will be one of the highlights of the tour.

Registrar's office gears for upcoming business

Missouri Southern's registrar's office will be humming for the next few weeks.

Students wanting to drop classes and receive a withdrawal grade instead of an "F" need to withdraw from the class by Oct. 18. Class withdrawal forms are available in the registrar's office, Hearnes Hall, Room 100.

The form needs to be signed by the student's adviser, instructor, and the student before being returned to the registrar's office.

Also on the registrar's office list of deeds needing to be done is for May graduates to file their application by Oct. 25.

The process begins in the career services office, BSC Room 207. The application must be reviewed by the adviser, department head, and dean before being turned in to the registrar's office.

Students will be notified of transcript deficiencies prior to the beginning of the spring semester. This will allow students time to adjust their schedules if necessary.

The graduation fee will be included on the tuition statement for the spring semester.

Also, July graduates may apply now, but the completion date for their applications is Jan. 23.

Southern's registrar's office has announced the release of the spring schedule books as Nov. 4.

The books will be available in the registrar's office or any department office on campus.

As usual, seniors get first crack at classes and can pre-register with advisers Nov. 11-12.

Students with 60 or more hours pre-register Nov. 14-15.

Students with 30 or more hours can pre-register Nov. 18-19.

Freshman can pre-register Nov. 21-22.

Open enrollment begins Monday, Nov. 25.

The registrar's office reminds all students to schedule an appointment with their advisers.

The office also reminds students that no pre-registration will take place on Wednesdays during the pre-registration process.

Also, students wanting to pre-register must do so before it ends on Dec. 6.

Students who have picked a major can register in the department offices.

Undecided majors may register in the counseling center in Hearnes Hall Room 114.

Rummage sale for club begins early Saturday

Rummage sales are not usually what one associates with the college setting, but that hasn't stopped Missouri Southern's Psychology Club from holding one.

Psi-Chi, the club's alter ego, will start selling the assorted stuff at 7 a.m. Saturday. The sale will be held at the gravel lot across from Taylor Hall next to the football stadium.

If it rains, the sale will be held under the covered entrance to the Child Development Center at Taylor Hall.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Don't expect apartments to be 'home'

I have lived in three different apartments throughout my college career, all of them contributing something to complain about. I've seen crazy "druggies" below me, noisy neighbors, and shoddy construction.

My freshman year, I found an opening in some low-income apartments (a fact that I didn't know or really comprehend at the time). The manager told us what to do to "qualify" to rent (how to cheat), and she set us up with an apartment. The first couple of months went pretty well for us, but we soon realized what low-income housing meant.

As the year progressed, we began to notice more noise, such as conversations through the wall. The apartments around us belonged to loud tenants who fought about custody trials with raging "exs" (all in the wee hours). The cops became regulars on the grounds of this complex, and by the time school got out, I couldn't wait to go home.

My second year at Southern, I tried a new place. These apartments had just been built that summer, so we thought they would be better. The manager told us they wouldn't be ready until the weekend school started. We went to move our stuff in, only to find part of the kitchen cabinets still on the counter, no shower door in my bathroom, and no chandelier (at least not hanging). We were assured that these problems would be fixed promptly. After two weeks of showering without a door, I received one. Our chandelier was hung within the first week, and the manager hung the cabinet (unevenly) the day we moved in.

But after my last apartment, this one was like a castle — or so I thought. I soon realized that apartment life didn't improve just because I moved. I began to hear the boys through the walls — on all three sides. On one side I heard them in the bathroom; on the other side, I heard them watching "Beavis and Butt-head." The third side was by far the loudest: our wall would pulse with their bass when they played their music.

Upon meeting my neighbors, I soon discovered that my crooked cabinet and missing shower door paled in comparison to some of the blunders they had. Daylight could be seen through the closed front door of one neighbor's apartment.

None of us kept heat in our apartments very well either. The carpet looked almost like outdoor carpet; it was very thin and not heat-efficient at all. We constantly cleared our cabinets for spraying due to the roach problem that my building developed (and we were expected to pay \$395 for this place). Because of all the construction problems and the roaches that finally found their way to my apartment, I decided to move to a different complex. I found an opening in some apartments closer to the College.

My previous experiences had prepared me to expect difficulties with the "new" apartment. So, I took in stride the fact that I waited nearly all summer for a screen on my bedroom window, our sink leaked (and still does), and we had NOISY neighbors who constantly partied below us. The only major problem my roommate and I have had here is melted wires in the fuse box — no biggie.

I'm glad I've had the experiences that I've had, though. Maybe I just realize that apartments can't be as nice as mom and dad's house. □



Stephanie Ward
Education Editor



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Senate, stop beating a 'dead horse'

All right already. Everyone gets it. The Missouri Southern Student Senate wants to have a yearbook.

Fine, senators can produce one themselves. Nobody in the communications department wants to do it, and that seems to be what the Senate wants.

It wants to force-feed a project down the throats of students who are perfectly content doing something they enjoy.

Alas, that is not really the issue.

The issue is whether student fees should go toward a magazine that some members of the Senate deem "worthless."

Well, it's not worthless if students are learning from it. And as far as student fees being wasted on something that is purportedly not being read, then the same thing can be said for projects and College-sponsored items that are poorly attended.

If the Senate wants to kill *Crossroads: The Magazine*, then it should also take a look at itself.

Nobody attends Student Senate meetings unless they are begging for money.

And when the groveling ends, most groups don't stick around to see what the Senate does between the roll call and adjournment.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Can we focus on positive comments, please

It is not very often that we show our appreciation to the employees and administration of Missouri Southern. If anything, it seems that we complain when we do not get our way, and show disrespect to what ever is given to us.

This was one of the reasons I joined the Student Senate, to voice students' opinions, however negative, in hopes of solving the problem. But after serving as a student senator for two years and currently serving as Student Senate vice president, it has been my concern that all opinions, comments, and concerns spoken to me have been negative. For once, I and other people at Southern would like to hear some thanks and words of appreciation every

now and again. So this is my time to thank a group of people that I do not feel received the credit that they deserve.

My array of thanks is directed to the physical plant on their completion of the new Student Life Center, in which I am overly impressed. I realize that it had been promised to us for over a year, and it was also supposed to house a new cafeteria, but in my opinion, the fact that the maintenance crew spent countless hours, days, and months to complete the project is more than we could have asked for, and was well worth the wait.

Unfortunately, many students do not see it the way I do. I am very nervous that the Student Life Center will be destroyed or

defaced due to a lack of respect by the students here at Southern. In a matter of a week, I have seen and heard about three items, provided by MSSC, that have been either stolen or destroyed. I thought we were in college, people, not in our own juvenile society of immaturity, i.e. high school.

The way we treat the new SLC will help determine if we, as students, deserve more and better luxuries. So appreciate what you are given, everybody, and try to respect it as well.

Eden Marie Aber
Student Senate vice president
Junior mathematics major

'Chart' Web site offers alumnus access to news

I just want to drop this note to express my appreciation for having access to *The Chart* on the World Wide Web. As an alumnus who has lived in Oklahoma, California, and now in Michigan, I very

much enjoy reading *The Chart* again. Keep up the great work.

R. Michael Williams, CPA
Class of 1975

Editor's note: *The Chart's* Web address is: www.mssc.edu/pages/cbbhome.htm. Past issues are available as well.

IN PERSPECTIVE

Fall brings memories of Moscow

I drive to work and look at trees changing colors. I ask myself how long had it been since I saw seasons change last time. Fourteen years — eight in Texas and six in Mexico.

Red maples bring back memories of school days in Moscow where a maple tree would turn red outside my school window at the beginning of each school year. It is another school year now. Maybe because I have been studying almost all my life, fall, or autumn as I was taught in my English class, marks for me the beginning.

This time it is the beginning which unites many of my past experiences, in Russian, Mexico, and in the U.S. This beginning is the International Language Resource Center, where I work.

The Center was created this year to enhance international education of students at Missouri Southern. For me the term "international" lies at the core of my personal experience, and it does to a larger number of people every year.

International education is crucial in modern society. Historic developments of the last decade, such as the end of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and opening of Eastern Europe, Russia, and China to the West, have opened opportunities unthinkable even 10 years ago.

The era of isolation and mistrust ended; we now live in the global society where interdependence among different countries is greater than ever. Events in countries as close as Mexico and Canada and as far as Russia, China, and Japan affect immediately financial markets, businesses, and people here in the United States.

In this context knowledge of other countries, their language and culture becomes a key to success. And you do not need leave Joplin and the surrounding area to find applications of this knowledge. Many local companies do international business. Their employees travel to countries so different that understanding of cultural and linguistic differences is crucial.

One can experience contact with other cultures even without leaving the area. Southwest Missouri has seen an unprecedented growth of immigrant population.

Missouri Southern is dedicated to preparing students to compete in a global society by providing them language proficiency and cultural understanding. As the director of the Center, I see my mission in developing cultural awareness, global perspective, international sensitivity, and in emphasizing the role of languages in today's society.

The International Language Resource Center's goal is to provide resources for those who are studying foreign languages, who want to know more about other cultures, or need other assistance with foreign languages, such as translations, tutors, etc.

One of our resources is the language laboratory, which is located in Webster Hall 334 and is open 40 hours a week (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The language lab offers a variety of services and state-of-the-art equipment. There, students can practice their listening and speaking skills, watch video or laser disks in foreign language. The language lab staff

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Tatiana Karmanova
Director of
International Language
Resource Center

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Gambling: Habit or outlet for chance?

LOTTERY TICKETS

Scratchin' Fever

Just the facts:

- Lottery sales generate \$2.8 billion annually
- \$1.5 billion attributed to prize awards
- \$910 million awarded to the state
- In 1993, voters target money for lottery sales toward education programs in the state
- Lottery tickets range in cost from \$1-\$2
- Approximately eight million of each scratch-off lottery ticket are produced



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Games generate estimated \$2.8 billion

States focuses funds toward education; tickets provide fun

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Pure entertainment, or is it? Scratch-off lottery tickets are available at most major gas stations, grocery stores, and some discount retailers such as Wal-Mart or Venture.

Easily accessed, the tickets range between \$1 to \$2 and vary in possible cash prizes. Some even offer trips or chances at game shows.

The first type of lottery in Missouri began in January 1986 with the scratch-off ticket and has since resulted in games such as Missouri Pick 3, Missouri Lotto, and Missouri Show Me 5.

"I don't buy lottery tickets very often," said Angie Hiller, senior criminal justice major. "But I think

they are really fun to play."

Scientific Games Inc. located in Alpharetta, Ga., an instant game-printing company, manufactures approximately eight million of each scratch-off ticket for Missouri.

"About two new games are printed each month," said Shelly Perez, public coordinator for Missouri Lottery. "We like to keep a variety of the tickets for the public."

Perez said focus groups are used to determine which tickets to print.

"The focus groups are made up of different people, sometimes people who buy a lot of tickets, sometimes people who buy a few tickets, and sometimes non-buyers," she said. "We present different designs or types of games, and they let us know if the tickets will be ones the consumers will buy."

The tickets are then sold to retailers who choose the tickets that sell best to their customers.

"Some tickets sell better in one

place and not in another," Perez said. "We have one store that sells a lot of the Bingo tickets, so they always order a lot of them."

Retailers are encouraged to sell at least eight different tickets at a time, giving the consumer a variety of choice.

"Some people like tickets with sport themes and some like casino themes," Perez said. "If a retailer has a wide variety of games, people are more likely to buy more tickets."

When Missouri first started the lottery in 1986, the money went to the general state fund, but in 1993 voters targeted that money for education.

"In general, \$2.8 billion is generated from lottery sales," Perez said, "and \$1.5 billion of that goes to prizes and \$910 million goes to the state."

Jeff Englehart, senior criminal justice major, said he spends around a week on lottery tickets.

"There is always a chance to win, they are fun to play, and it raises money for education," he said.

Although most people play for fun, some retailers said some can become addicted to lottery tickets.

"I have regulars who come in almost every day and buy one or two," said Brian Broadway, a night clerk at Snak Atak on Seventh and Duquesne.

"I even have some people who buy a couple of tickets in the morning to see how their luck is going to be for the day. Then I have a guy who comes in and buys between 10 and 20 tickets a night, every night."

Although the lottery was intended for entertainment, some see it as a waste of money.

"I use to buy lottery tickets occasionally, but then I realized I was just wasting money," said Kevin Tunnell, senior computer science major.

"The odds of winning are very minute. It just isn't for me." □

SENECA

Tribe envisions casino, despite citizens' negative pleas

By TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

To be or not to be, that is the question. The question is whether there will be a casino in Seneca, Mo., and the answer depends on who is asked.

The Eastern Shawnee Indian tribe hopes to build a casino that crosses the Missouri-Oklahoma border in Seneca. The Oklahoma portion will house a bingo hall while plans for the Missouri side include Class III gaming, like slot machines, poker, and black jack, according to Jack Ross, gaming commissioner for the tribe.

Opposition to the planned casino organized a straw poll in April, and the residents of Seneca rejected the proposal 4 to 1, said State Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho), who is actively involved in try-

ing to keep the casino out of Seneca.

"My main concern about the casino is that it is unconstitutional," Marble said. "I vowed to defend the constitution of Missouri and the United States when I was elected."

The Missouri constitution says Class III gambling is illegal, except for the lottery and riverboat gambling only on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. These exceptions were made constitutional law by a vote of the people. Missouri is the only state to have gambling covered in its constitution, according to Marble's research.

According to Ross, the tribe is a sovereign nation, subject only to federal laws, not state. The casino is legal under the terms of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), which authorizes land to be taken in trust for Indian tribes.

"The act was imposed to allow Indian tribes to regain lost land," Ross said.

The Eighth Circuit Court found the IRA to be "partially unconstitutional" due to the fact that it has no place for

judicial review, he said.

"It was basically a racist decision," Ross said. "The ruling actually says the Department of the Interior could buy the Empire State Building and give it to an Indian as a wedding present."

The debate was on hold until Tuesday, waiting on the doorsteps of the U.S. Supreme Court, who settled the constitutionality of the IRA in favor of Indian tribes.

The issue will not end with the Supreme Court. Since the ruling was overturned and the IRA was held to be constitutional, the Eastern Shawnees will have to resubmit a request to the Department of the Interior in order to put the land into trust for the casino.

"It is a long, drawn-out process to get land put into trust," Ross said. "We must prove it will be of economic benefit to the tribe." Marble has maintained close ties with the Department of the Interior, keeping it aware of Missouri's stand on the issue and the feelings of the citizens of Seneca. In May, he sponsored House

Concurrent Resolution 11 that was adopted by the Missouri House of Representatives. The resolution covers the state's concerns about Indian gaming inside its borders.

"Public sentiment and concerns relative to the impacts of gaming are two of several issues that must be addressed in an Indian tribe's application," said Deborah Maddox, acting deputy commissioner of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, in a letter to Marble.

In the meantime, the tribe is working hard to educate the citizens of Seneca about the jobs, benefits, and revenue that would be brought in by the casino, Ross said. □

My main concern about the casino is that it is unconstitutional.

Rep. Gary Marble
R-Neosho

BINGO!

It's not for senior citizens anymore, as students join bingo-ball mania

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Generally assumed as a form of recreation for senior citizens, bingo is gaining popularity among college students.

"It's fun," said Jared Greenwood, sophomore business major at Missouri Southern. "And there is no skill involved; it's all luck."

Greenwood said he likes to go to a bingo hall in Tulsa.

"It's huge, and there are people of all ages there," he said.

One area bingo hall, Border Town Bingo and Gaming, is located in Seneca. The establishment has been open for more than 12 years. It is owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The bingo hall is directly on the Oklahoma/Missouri line.

The speed bump in the parking lot is the state line.

Seneca is the establishment's mailing address, but it is actually located in Oklahoma.

"Although most of our patrons are in their 50s, we have customers ranging in age from 18 up," said Dan Captain, manager of Border Town.

Captain has worked at Border Town since it opened.

It is a Class 2 bingo hall, which means it has bingo and pull-tab lottery tickets.

It is open seven days a week. Opening hours vary, but it stays open until 2 a.m.

For many of our older customers, bingo is a social event. I've seen them come in here on Mother's Day, Father's Day, their birthdays...

Marilee Squirrel
Border Town cashier

daily with bingo action lasting into the wee hours in the morning.

Fun is one reason bingo is popular. Money is another incentive.

"It's a way to win money," Captain said.

People frequent Border Town because the winnings are higher than at charity events, Captain said.

Pat Bolm, of Joplin, is a regular customer. She said her highest single win was \$5,000.

Winnings can reach \$50,000, with the opportunity to travel to Tulsa and spin a wheel for up to \$1 million.

The winning pot is sponsored by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The money comes from the admission charge, which is \$15 to \$25, depending

upon the game that person is playing.

Despite gaming dollars becoming more scarce due to the riverboats and casinos in Kansas City and surrounding areas, bingo is not suffering.

"Bingo appeals to a different type of person," Captain said.

"Gaming and entertainment dollars are only spread so thin. But we don't foresee going out of business."

Persons travel from St. Louis, Kansas City, and Tulsa to play at Border Town. However, Captain estimated 75 percent of its patrons come from a 50-mile radius.

"Buses come every weekend from St. Louis, Springfield, and sometimes Kansas City," Captain said.

Bill Ward, a cross country track coach from Eureka Springs, said he heard about Border Town and decided to give it a try when he attended a meet at Cassville.

Bingo also gives the opportunity for friends to gather and enjoy themselves.

"For many of our older customers, bingo is a social event," said Marilee Squirrel, cashier at Border Town.

"I've seen them come in here on Mother's Day, Father's Day, their birthdays — times people usually spend with their families, but these people had no one."

Border Town also sells pull-tab lottery tickets. Prices range from 25¢ to \$2.

With a 25¢ pull tab, winnings reach \$125. With a .50¢ or \$1 pull tab, winnings reach \$250. A \$2 pull tab has winnings up to \$500. □

BINGO HOTSPOTS

A quick look at a handful of the four-state border bingo parlors...

- Kwan's Club, Joplin
- Elks Lodge, Joplin
- Border Town, Seneca
- O-Gah-Pah, East of Joplin
- Cherokee Nation Bingo Outpost, Siloam Springs
- VFW Lodge, Carthage
- VFW Lodge, Baxter Springs



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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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17 18 19

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Today 17

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Kolonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

1 p.m.—
Mendelssohn String Quartet lecture/demonstration, Webster Hall auditorium

6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building
Southern Theatre production of "Ralph Roister Doister" through October 19, for more information call 625-4130

Friday 18

Last day withdrawal with a "W"

Comparative Education trip to Washington D.C.

7:15 a.m.—
Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon meeting, Reynolds Hall, Room 116

noon—
Psychology Club meeting, Taylor Hall, Room 123

4:30 p.m.—
Deadline for application for admission to Teacher Education Program for Spring 1997 semester, Taylor Hall, Room 220

Saturday 19

Carthage Maple Leaf Festival
Joplin Family Y Fall Fest, Red Oak II, for information call 623-4597

9 a.m.—
Maple Leaf Parade begins

7 p.m.—
Football game at Pittsburg State University

Sunday 20

6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl

7 p.m.—
Sigma F meeting, Stegge Hall basement
Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 21

Southern Showcase Exhibit sponsored by Art League entries accepted through October 23

2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 22

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsley Student Center, Room 313

12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—
Open night at the cafeteria sponsored by Campus Activities Board

6:30 p.m.—
Women for Sobriety meeting, 701 S. Byers

7 p.m.—
Kolonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

7:30 p.m.—
Choir Concert, Taylor Auditorium

Wednesday 23

Intramural volleyball sign-ups through November 6, Young Gymnasium

Noon—
Baptist Student Union free lunch, Baptist Student Union Building

STUDENT FEATURE

AUTUMN'S ARRIVAL

(and David's too)

Couple reigns at Homecoming

By RONNA SPARKS
CAMPUS EDITOR

They fly kites together, pole vault together, march together, fulfill Greek duties together, and now Autumn Lawrence and David Groves have another honor they can label as theirs — Homecoming royalty.

Lawrence, senior chemistry major, and Groves, senior psychology major, were named Missouri Southern's 1996 Homecoming queen and king Friday. Lawrence said their partnership made it all the more special.

"It would be really weird if one of us had won and not the other and I think it's neat that we won as a couple," she said.

Groves said he also thought it was fitting that they won as a couple and that the announcer presented them like he knew they were a couple.

"I didn't want to win if she didn't, and I wanted her to win more than I wanted myself to," he said.

Although Lawrence and Groves are involved in many activities where their paths cross, both serve in many capacities where each takes a sole leadership role. Lawrence is exceedingly involved in various activities that led to a busy but worthwhile Homecoming.

"On Saturday, I didn't get to enjoy the

whole concept of Homecoming or being Homecoming queen because I had so much to do," she said.

"I enjoyed it, but I had to focus on my priorities and on the field I have so many responsibilities."

One of Lawrence's priorities is her job as color guard instructor at Carl Junction High School, which she said she greatly enjoys.

"Even though I'm really busy, tired, and stressed out, I do it all by choice," she said.

Many individuals involved with the Carl Junction band are overjoyed to have Lawrence assisting.

Barbara Herford, Carl Junction band booster, said Lawrence has been a "wonderful blessing."

"What a wonderful role model for these girls to see," Herford said. "She exudes class and intelligence no matter what she does. She has a great personality, a wonderful work ethic."

Groves' responsibilities are focused on pole vaulting, academics, and Greek events, which he said helped him get into the spirit of Homecoming more than previous years.

"I really enjoyed chalking the sidewalks," he said. "I wanted to get people more in the spirit of Homecoming."

"A lot of the guys just wrote things, but I tried to draw pictures dealing with Southern like lions and sayings to support

"I like to be able to walk across campus and see people I know, which is what I like about Southern."

Autumn Lawrence
Homecoming Queen

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JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Autumn Lawrence, senior chemistry major, and David Groves, senior psychology major, await crown and medal respectively as king and queen of Missouri Southern.

the team and such to inspire people to get excited about Homecoming."

Although Homecoming added more to their busy halftime schedule, Lawrence and Groves both said they were honored.

"The neat thing is, if you think about it, our peers are the ones that voted for us," Groves said. "The fraternity didn't vote for me to be king or Autumn to be queen; it was the students of Southern that gave us this honor."

Southern's crown isn't the first Lawrence has worn, but this one has special significance because most of her possessions were destroyed when lightning struck her house and caused a fire two summers ago.

"This is the first crown I won since then, so it's kind of neat," she said. "That's one thing I thought about that day was 'Wow,

I've got a shiny one now!' because the others are smoky and melted."

Lawrence and Groves both said the publicity has been hard to adapt to, but Lawrence said she wouldn't change it.

"I don't like to be the center of attention and I don't like to get a lot of attention," she said, "but I like to have a lot of friends."

"I like to be able to walk across campus and see people I know, which is what I like about Southern."

Groves said he appreciated his 15 minutes of fame, but wishes he could have shared it with more people.

"I wish that I could have shared the spotlight with other people, especially the guys in the fraternity," he said. "I feel

like I shared the honor with all the Greeks to help the campus opinion of Greek life. I just hope things like this will change the attitudes toward Greeks for the better." □

"The neat thing is that, if you think about it, our peers are the ones that voted for us."

David Groves
Homecoming King

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WORLD ISSUES FOR STUDY BY EDUCATORS

Students to experience urban atmosphere firsthand

Education majors head to Washington to help city teachers

By SHANDY MCBRIDE
STAFF WRITER

Nine students from Missouri Southern will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in a comparative education experience, teaching in an urban setting at elementary and secondary schools.

The program is designed to help teacher candidates gain an understanding of urban schools and other cultures.

The students taking part in this experience are Lisa Neuwenschwander, Brent Dodge, Gina Durnell, Ron Campbell, Kelly Enyart, all of Joplin; Erika Kornman, of Miami, Okla.; Heather Reiboldt, of Neosho; Tammy Miller, of Seneca; and Christina Lankford, of Webb City.

"It's going to be a great experience to participate in being a minority," said Dodge, senior bio-

logy education major. "I think it will help us know how to address any problems that can take place when we start teaching."

The candidates observe the cooperating teachers and students and assist the teacher in small groups and with tutoring. They will have the opportunity to present lessons about southwest Missouri to students in Amidon Elementary and in classes at a secondary school.

The candidates attend seminars each day to go over the events that took place that day and to discuss

what will take place the next day.

"It's definitely a beneficial experience," said Dr. Vikki Spencer, supervising instructor of the project.

Spencer will travel with the students along with Dr. Doreen Vieitez, assistant professor of education. This will be Spencer's 13th trip on the comparative education experience.

The Southern students will also be able to tour various government buildings and monuments, the National Cathedral, Ford's Theatre, and Smithsonian muse-

ums. After returning from the trip, they will write a reaction paper on their experiences.

"In the past there have been very positive comments from the students in their reaction papers," Spencer said.

The program takes place Oct. 18-23 and is sponsored by World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE).

Comparative education experiences take place each fall and spring at schools in Santa Fe, N.M.; San Antonio, Texas; and New Orleans, La. □



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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Instructor likes life's freedoms

Working in factories pushed Burch toward college education

By DUSTY BLACK
CHART REPORTER

Being happy is most important to Dr. Alan Burch, assistant professor of communications (Spanish). Burch enjoys the atmosphere that surrounds a college. He chose Missouri Southern due to the friendly colleagues, talented students, and beautiful campus.

The freedom to work when you want to, other than class times and office hours, is one of the aspects of teaching that Burch enjoys.

"For the class meetings I have to be there at a certain time, until for my office hours," Burch said. "But taking care of administrative duties like tallying attendance and grades, I can do this, if I want to, at 3 in the morning."

He also likes to see students who work hard on their education and "go for the A."

"It's great to see students who are really interested," Burch said. "Through the course of the semester, you can really see progress."

Burch considers getting his Ph.D., which he received in January 1996, a great accomplishment. He also takes pride in other achievements, namely his guitar ability and his new job at Southern.

Burch teaches Beginning Spanish II and Intermediate Spanish I. Previously he has been a visiting lecturer at Murray State in Kentucky and an assistant professor of Spanish at Indiana University.

After graduating from a public school in Endicott, N.Y., where he was born and raised, Burch worked in factories before going to college. He said four years were enough for him to realize he needed to have a college education.

He decided on a small school in northern New York, State University of New York at Potsdam, where he received a "great education for cheap tuition."

Burch then obtained a graduate fellowship at a completely opposite university, Indiana.

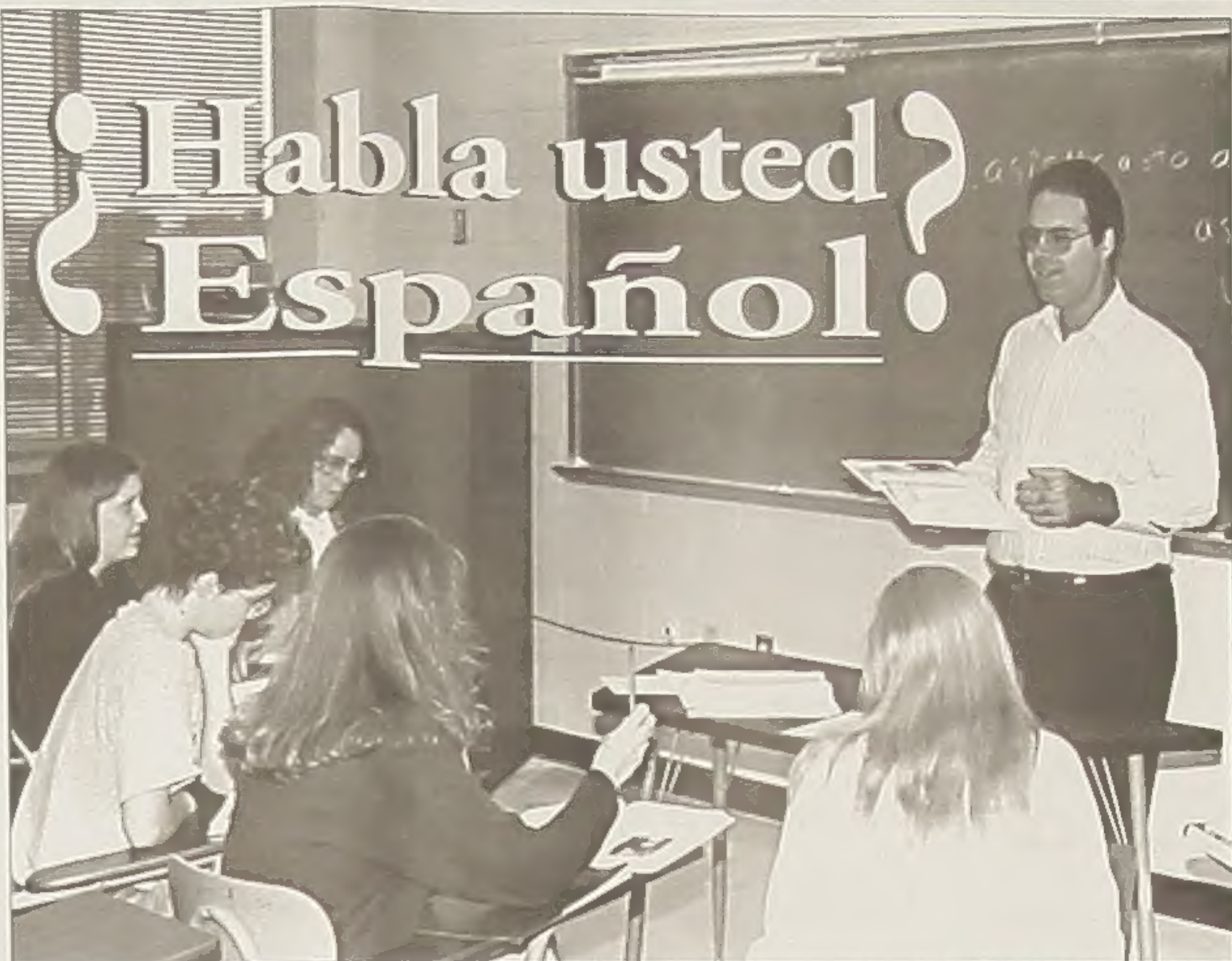
"Actually there was no Spanish department [at Potsdam]; it was just foreign languages," he said, "and then I went to IU that has about 100 Spanish and Portuguese students."

Burch's first love was music. He wanted to play the guitar, but music wasn't a natural talent, so he decided to concentrate his time on something that was easier and just as exciting for him: literature.

He chose to teach because it was "a combination of talent and preference."

"In literature I always felt comfortable in my classes, and I was able to do well and come up with ideas for papers," he said.

Burch enjoys waking up to the sound of a good guitar. He loves to



MIKE FOX/The Chart

Dr. Alan Burch, assistant professor of communications, teaches Beginning Spanish II and Intermediate Spanish I, and enjoys students who "go for the A."

listen to a wide variety of music from Bach to heavy metal.

"I love anything with a talented, fast guitarist," he said.

Burch also enjoys learning and traveling. He has visited China, Spain,

Canada, and most of the United States. He hopes someday to travel to Taiwan and Japan and make a return visit to Spain. Burch is now studying Japanese. Learning Japanese helps him remember what it's like for a

first-year foreign language student.

"I can understand what my beginning Spanish students feel like," Burch said.

His advice for Southern students, "really study and really study consistently," isn't just something he says; it's something he takes to heart.

He has always studied hard, whether to get his Ph.D. or for the Japanese tests he'll be taking this semester. □

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Cole grades papers, grooves to Clapton

Dr. Kenneth Casey Cole, assistant professor of psychology, says he plans on making a career at Missouri Southern. He lists Eric Clapton and B.F. Skinner among the people he admires.

By MIKE POWELL
CHART REPORTER

Imagine being an instructor grading a pile of freshmen papers and making out next week's killer test, all the while listening to the sounds of Eric Clapton. Normal?

It is for Dr. Kenneth Casey Cole, the new assistant professor of psychology. "I would consider Clapton to be a hero of mine," Cole said. "I have been to many of his concerts and own some of his CDs. He is great."

He was willing to express his affinity for the singer after referring to a poster of the wailing Clapton that hangs above his desk.

However, Clapton isn't his only hero. Cole said he became interested in

psychology when he read a book by his other hero, B.F. Skinner, given to him by his brother. However, discovering a career and being educated for it "wasn't as easy as it seemed," Cole said.

Cole attended Shippensburg State University of Pennsylvania and later Kent State University to acquire both his master's and doctorate.

"I even worked at a state park mowing and scrubbing bathrooms at \$7 an hour to pay my way through Kent State University," Cole said smiling.

It was at KSU that Cole met his wife, Amy. She, too, is in the field of psychology (clinical) working at the Forrest Institute in Springfield. They have no children.

"Since we got our jobs, things have begun to seem much easier," Cole said. "Getting an education can cause two people to be so poor and desperate."

"It feels so good to be getting paid for something I truly love."

Cole said he loves teaching because of the interaction with the students. Especially at Missouri Southern.

"I am very impressed with the faculty, location, and how well Southern is growing. I definitely plan on staying," he said. □



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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Hale's travels give insight to intercultural studies

By BRANDI DANIEL
CHART REPORTER

Not only did Dr. Carolyn Hale teach four years in Germany, she also exhibited 70 of her paintings.

As a minor painter, Hale, associate professor of speech communication, obtained a B.A. in art history and painting in Germany. She also holds enough hours for a master's degree in art history.

"Painting is a way for me to respond strongly and emotionally when something affects me," Hale said. "I kind of shift into another dimension when I paint."

While teaching under the European Division at the University of Maryland, Hale was sent to teach on military bases all over Europe, including Germany. Her stay in Wiesbaden, Germany, gave her the opportunity to show her paintings.

Hale took her teachings in communications under the European Division to England for one term, to Holland for four months, and to Italy for one term. Alaska was added to Hale's travels, where she lived and

taught communications for three years at a research center under a grant. She said she got to watch the dogs come in from the international trail races that raced from Nome to Fairbanks. She really enjoyed her stay with an Eskimo family.

"I guess I was hoping to live in an igloo," she said with a laugh. "They didn't have igloos, they lived in prefabricated housing. That's one of the ways American culture has made inroads into the Eskimo culture."

Under the Asian Division at the University of Maryland she expanded her cultural horizons to Seoul, Korea, where she lived and taught communication classes.

"I feel like I come with a unique vision to intercultural studies to offer to the students," Hale said.

This semester Hale teaches Oral Communication, but she was hired to help teach and develop the international studies program. She has suggested two new courses for Missouri Southern, Advanced Intercultural Communication and Visual Communication. Both of the classes were approved for the spring semester. Hale came to Southern



MIKE FOX/The Chart

Dr. Carolyn Hale, associate professor of speech communication, poses in front of one of her paintings, many of which she displayed in Germany.

with her six cats from the University of Cincinnati where she was visiting director of the intercultural program.

"Coming from 35,000 to a student

body of 6,000 or so is a big change," she said. "I think the students are friendly here and seem to be very receptive about learning and receptive to me." □

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



MIKE FOX/The Chart

Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of German, also speaks five other languages. She wants to build up Southern's German program.

Native German brings homeland to Southern

By CHRIS FREUND
CHART REPORTER

Have you ever wondered what the differences are between American colleges and those in Germany? According to Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of German, there are only three.

"In Germany, you don't have to pay tuition," she said. "They use the selective system, in which you have to be chosen to go to college. That requires a very high grade-point average."

"Also, instead of entrance exams, they have exit exams to see if you have learned everything you need to know."

Besides German and English, Cramer speaks Russian, Chinese, French, and Latin, and is learning Greek. She was born in Hamburg, Germany. She received her bachelor's degree in German at the University of Siegen in Germany, her master's in German at the University of Houston, and her doctorate in German at the University of Texas.

"Coming to the United States and getting my degrees here were really by accident. I came to the United States through an exchange program, and I found out I liked the people in America," she said.

Cramer believes American students learn in different ways than German students.

"American students are afraid to make mistakes," she said. "That's why I try to make my classes as

"I also like the 'want to' attitude that my students have."

Dr. Sabine Cramer
Assistant professor,
German

informal as possible, so I can tear down the walls of fear between me and the students."

When not in the classroom, Cramer enjoys walking, playing the piano and guitar, and needlework.

Cramer likes Missouri Southern because of the support she gets from her colleagues.

"I consider it almost a family atmosphere," she said. "I also like the 'want to' attitude that my students have."

Her goal at Southern is to build up the German program so all students can learn the language. She plans to have many presentations around campus on topics like the Berlin Wall and German culture.

"Not only can you learn the language, if your family came from Germany, you can learn about their homeland and the town they came from."

"And in there a better way to improve peace and humane treatment," Cramer said, "than through learning another language." □



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OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

Davidson, Raumaker lead cast in farce

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night's Southern Theatre production of Nicholas Udall's *Ralph Roister Doister* presents a new appreciation for the invention of the restraining order.

The play features senior theatre major Brandon Davidson as the title character and follows the romantic follies of a man who feels he is irresistible to women.

"I'm sorry God made me so handsome," Doister complains early in the first act.

The miserably mislead Doister continues his pursuit of Christian Constance, played by junior education major Kelly Raumaker, without regard to her blatant refusals, profession of love for another, and even the occasional broom beating.

The slapstick comedic style for which the play was fashioned was somewhat downplayed by a few slow entrances and reactions by cast members, but the play's style on the whole was complementary to the sometimes-confusing dialogue.

Parris, a senior communications major, elevated the excitement level of the performance with distinct

movements and playfulness to the audience in his portrayal of Matthew Merrygreek.

The performances of Doister's servants, Daughy and Harpax (played by sophomore theatre major Jason Kerry Engstrom and sophomore criminal justice major Douglas Roush) were convincing as they portrayed confused, unwitting, yet multifaceted messengers, instrument players, and pseudo-funeral attendants.

The excitement and humorous devotion of her servants helped define the role of the widow as good and guiltless. Junior theatre major

Rebecca Braden was a riot as the less than subtle love-starved nurse who took an obvious liking to Doister. Braden's scene with Davidson early in the first act was quite possibly the highlight of the play.

An end to Doister's stalker-like activities finally came near the play's finale when the women defeated the men in a comical and highly physical battle.

Set design for the play served its purpose well. The abstract set was attractive but did not draw audience members away from concentrating on the intricate language. The set

also proved to be useful as a prop for much of the play's klutzy physical comedy as the actors continually tripped over the bi-levels.

The costumes were appropriate for the period, the late 1500s, and accentuated the roles.

The lighting seemed dark and static for a slapstick.

Variable lighting could have elevated the energy level to equal the actors' performances.

Despite the monotonous lighting and a few slow sequences, quality acting and a witty storyline make *Ralph Roister Doister* a farce worth watching. □

STONE'S THROW THEATRE

'Gramercy Ghost' tells Halloween story for all ages

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

When her landlady dies and bequeaths a spooky surprise to Nancy Willard, a night of ghostly comedy entertainment for the audience at Stone's Throw Community Theatre begins.

The play is John Cecil Holm's *Gramercy Ghost*, a Halloween story for audiences of ages 9 to 90.

Willard, played by Julie Troyer, a teacher's aide at Eugene Field Elementary School, was a close friend to her eccentric landlady, but when the deceased woman's will leaves her something called Nathaniel Coombs, she doesn't have a clue as to what the dead woman could be referring to.

"They all assume it's a cat," said Sony Kew-Johnson, office/transportation manager for Milnot and the show's director, "or a parrot that's been long gone. Turns out, it's the ghost of a Revolutionary War soldier."

Coombs, played by Jyls Blackwood, a freshman at Joplin Junior High School, falls in love with Willard, who is engaged to Parker Burnett, played by Brian Palmer, a Missouri Southern freshman communications major.

But this isn't a love triangle because a jour-

nalist, Charlie Stewart, played by Rich Lillard, an antique collector who also provided furniture for the set, has fallen in love with Coombs' new owner.

"The show takes place over the course of one night," Johnson said, "trying to figure out why Nathaniel is stuck on earth and who is the best guy for Nancy."

"Nathaniel gets to play with the other characters on stage," Johnson said. "He causes some chills to run up and down some people's spines because he sneaks up behind them and knocks somebody's hat off, or he talks to someone in such a way that it gives them the willies."

"My character is a pervert," Blackwood said, referring to Coombs' knowledge of where Willard keeps her sleeping pills in her bedroom.

Stewart's pursuit of Willard also adds to the play's jocularity.

"He tries to get me drunk and take advantage of me," Troyer said.

The show's menu will consist of beef and pork mousaka, oven-browned herbed potatoes, dinner roll miniatures with butter, and pegged wings New England special for dessert.

For reservations persons may call 358-9665. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

(Clockwise from left) Brian Palmer, freshman communications major, Julie Troyer, Jyls Blackwood, and Rich Lillard perform *Gramercy Ghost* at Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chart

(Clockwise from left) Karen Cameron (seated), Karen Maria Curry, Abel Stewart, Amy Yoder, Rebecca Richmond, and Rachel Maneval represent the graduating senior portion of the Missouri Southern Concert Choral.

Carl Junction joins Southern choir

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

A spectrum of musical works ranging from the 16th to the 20th century will be presented at the Fall Choir Concert Tuesday.

The Carl Junction Concert Choir, directed by Sharon Owen, will perform with the Missouri Southern Concert Choir, Chamber Choral, and Southern Exposure at 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

"We have a guest high school every year," said Bud Clark, assis-

tant professor of music at Southern.

"It is an opportunity to show off high school talent and do some recruiting."

The choirs will rehearse for an hour and a half the day of the concert.

"It is hard to get a program ready so early in the year with so few rehearsals," Clark said.

Southern's choir has been working on this production, the first one of the semester, since classes began.

"We perform a wide variety of music to please everyone," Clark

said. "We want music people can relate to."

Gospel, renaissance, and pop musical pieces, such as Biehl's "Ave Maria," Gawthrop's "Sing Me To Heaven," and "Free Ride," arranged by Huff, are to be performed.

Clark chose the works over the summer.

"Auditions were last semester, so I knew what to expect from the students," he said.

"The caliber of voices are excellent," he said. "We have good strong musical singers who are sensitive to the music." □

ART LEAGUE

Students show work, raise funds for club

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Getting work exhibited is important for any artist, and Missouri Southern's Art League is offering all interested Southern students a chance to have their work on display in Southern Showcase.

Southern Showcase is a juried exhibit presented annually by the Art League. It features a varied media that are divided into seven categories: ceramics, drawing, jewelry, painting, sculpture, printmaking/photography, and graphic communications.

"I'd estimate about 35 or 40 students will enter [the competition]," said Gary Crim, senior art major and Art League president. "The show gives a pretty good representation of the work that students do here."

Entry fees are \$1 per piece entered, \$1 for Art League members, and are non-refundable. Each student may enter a maximum of five works.

Money raised from the showcase will be used to help cover expenses for the Art League's trip to the National Museum of Art in Chicago.

"Southern Showcase has traditionally been a chance for Southern's students to display their work to the college community and others," said Val Christensen, assistant professor

of art and director of the Spiva Art Gallery.

"I plan to enter about four pieces," said Tiffany Caywood, junior art major. "This will be the first time I've ever entered in anything. I'm excited."

"It's good experience," she said. "It's something that as artists we have to do, so this gives us a chance to learn how to do it."

All currently enrolled Southern students are eligible to enter the showcase competition. Cash awards will be presented for first place, \$6; second place, \$3; and third place, \$2. A Best of Show award of \$20 will also be presented. Winners will be announced at the opening reception of Southern Showcase on Oct. 28. Refreshments will be served.

Entries will be accepted in Spiva Art Gallery from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21-23. All entries must have been created within the past year and be properly matted, framed, or based for exhibit. Works exhibited in last year's Southern Showcase will not be accepted.

Along with the showcase, the Art League will hold a silent auction. Bids on pieces donated for the auction start at \$5. Pieces donated for the auction require no entry fee and will be eligible for the cash awards.

A juror for the showcase has yet to be announced. □

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

Southern grad receives \$25,000 award

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

When Angie Besendorfer graduated from Missouri Southern with an education degree in May 1990, she had no idea what her future held.

Besendorfer has been presented with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, which carries a prize of \$25,000. She is one of three elementary teachers and 10 educators in the state of Missouri to receive this award.

"When you win, you get a trip to Los Angeles for three days," Besendorfer said. "My husband gets to go, too."

"We get to go to L.A. for a three-day educational conference."

The final day of the conference, she

said, has been compared to the Academy Awards.

There she will be presented with the check for \$25,000.

She said she will probably use the money for her daughter's education, investing, and "have fun with some."

Besendorfer said there is no nomination process for this award. Those who receive it meet criteria chosen by a committee at the Department of Secondary Education.

"I had no clue that there was even an award like this," she said.

Besendorfer is in her fourth year teaching "at risk" fourth-grade at the Storefront School in Nevada, Mo. This school is part of a pilot program that she helped start for the state of Missouri.

"I feel like it's an honor to be involved in a career that impacts the future so profoundly," she said.

Besendorfer said once someone becomes a Milken Educator, the educator is always a Milken Educator. Every two years she will get to return to Los Angeles for an elementary education conference.

"I am completely and totally honored, almost double, by the fact that I would even be considered for such an award," Besendorfer said. "Especially when you consider the fact that I've only been teaching for seven years, and I don't even have my master's degree yet, because I haven't had time to go get it."

"That says a lot about the quality of education that I received from Southern," she said. □



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Angie Besendorfer (with book), a 1990 Southern graduate and a teacher in Nevada, Mo., received an award for \$25,000.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Pauline Wilson, who says she is in her 60s, is currently enrolled in German I, taught by Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of German. She said she finds translators frustrating.

Older students find skills in foreign language useful

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

¿Comprendes alemán? ¿Hablas español? ¿Parlez-vous français? These questions are being asked by some people you might not expect to see in a Missouri Southern foreign language class.

Pauline Wilson is one of an increasing number of people who are returning to school later in life for a specific purpose — to master a foreign language. Wilson, who says she's in her 60s, is currently enrolled in German I, taught by Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of German.

"I went to Germany last summer and discovered some relatives I didn't know I had," Wilson said. "We communicated through a translator, but it was kind of frustrating. I decided to take German so that I could talk to them and write them letters by myself."

William "Bill" Kilgore, 68, is nearing completion of his B.A. in Spanish.

"I've been working on it for quite a while now, just taking a class or two per semester," he said.

When Kilgore, who lives in Noel, was unable to enroll in some of his course requirements at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, he came to Southern.

"It's fitting my needs nicely," he said.

Kilgore said he learned French years ago during his time in the U.S. Army.

"I spent quite a bit of time in France, and used it a little during Vietnam, but that was 30 or more years ago," he said. "It doesn't

They are only there because they want to be...

Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer
Assistant professor of Spanish

help much now with Spanish."

Kilgore has definite plans for how he'll use his degree.

"I want to use my skills on a missions trip for my church sometime soon," he said. "I may possibly go on to get a teaching degree in Spanish, but I'm not sure."

Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer, assistant professor of Spanish, teaches a number of Spanish courses, including Advanced Conversation, in which Kilgore is enrolled.

"It makes the classes more interesting, having older students," he said.

"They are only there because they want to be, because they have an interest in learning and not because the class is required for them. Secondly, they are often easier to talk to, more mature about life."

"Learning Spanish is going to make my life easier, just in talking to people around me," Kilgore said. □

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Conference to benefit student writers

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Educating student writers will be the focus of a conference attended by Missouri Southern English education majors and faculty members Friday.

Nine students and five faculty members will participate in the 13th annual Jack and Ruth Gribben English Lecture Series at Labette County Community College in Parsons, Kan.

According to Dr. Dale Simpson,

professor of English, students and faculty are fortunate to have such an opportunity in this region.

"It's because of the foresight of a wealthy family there who contributed a great deal of money," he said.

"They saw the need to do this for English as other people see the need to do it for the business school in many places."

The conference will feature two lectures given by Anne Ruggles Gere, a nationally known speaker on the teaching of writing.

Most of the participants will be

area high school and college instructors, though Simpson said the seminar gives English education majors an opportunity to see what is involved in their chosen career.

"They're actually doing something they should be doing once they get a teaching job, and that is staying current with what's going on," he said.

"It's an eye-opener for our students, and it's a great support for their program."

"So we always look forward to going." □

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SMSU honors alumni with distinction awards

Six individuals who have achieved special distinction in their fields will be honored by Southwest Missouri State University during an all-alumni dinner dance Nov. 1.

Dr. Jerry Atwood, professor and chairman of the chemistry department at the University of Missouri-Columbia; Dr. Jim Atwood, professor of chemistry at the State University of New York-Buffalo will receive Outstanding Alumni Awards.

John Holstein, chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court will also receive Outstanding Alumni Awards.

Becky Geers Oakes, executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

This award honors recipients 45 years of age and younger.

The Award of Appreciation recognizes retired SMSU faculty members for achievement in their professional or academic field and loyalty to their profession.

This year's recipients will be Dr. Violet Kirschel, professor emerita of English, and Dr. Holt Spicer, professor emeritus of communications. □

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SENATE: Administration talks

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made a lot of adjustments," said Jill Bever, senior senator.

Having something students can go back to and remember their college days with is another issue the Senate wanted addressed by the magazine staff.

"There's not a lot of sentimental stuff you can go back to," said Derrick Goode, senior senator.

Leon said the yearbook was dropped for several reasons, but it was not an administrative decision.

"It was a reflection of a national trend," he said. "It was happening all over the place."

Leon said even though a yearbook or magazine was best left in the hands of communications students, "it should not be a laboratory experience for communications students."

"I think we should really stop working against *Crossroads* and work with them," said Tori Vicsik, sophomore senator, said.

Crossroads: The Magazine poll results were also announced at the meeting.

The poll was taken during Friday's Homecoming luncheon. The Senate polled 276 students and came up with conflicting numbers in its poll.

A majority of students said the magazine was publishing relevant stories and was a quality product. However, more students would rather have a yearbook than a magazine, and a large number of those polled wanted a yearbook.

The "Bodon Bill" was the first item presented by the Senate to the administrators. Brady asked the administration what happened

to the proposition that had been brought before the College's Board of Regents last spring. The proposal called for the College to name the soccer field after retired German and French professor Harold Bodon, who started Southern's soccer program.

Leon informed the Senate that the proposal sounded like a good idea, but said it hadn't been put through the proper channels. Leon said the bill should have been brought to the administration before going to the regents.

"If you have a request, take it through the chain of command," Leon said.

With the finishing of the new Student Life Center, some problems have arrived to go along with the building.

The lighting around the building is inadequate, according to the Senate.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the concern would be addressed, but some of the lighting needs were part of phase two of the SLIC project.

Lighting across the Newman Road intersection between the College and the residence halls was another item on the agenda. Tiede said they've exhausted all the possibilities for putting up lights at the intersection and the highway department wouldn't do the project because it raised new safety questions.

"Basically, we've run into a dead end," he said.

The administrators also discussed other items with the Senate. Senators seemed pleased by the outcome of the talks with the College hierarchy. □

PUCKER UP, PORKY



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Porky squeals with delight as Dr. Chad Stebbins, assistant professor of communications, plants a smooch during the Homecoming picnic.

KARMANOVA: Remembering

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makes copies of audio tapes which are used for the instruction in foreign language classes so that students can save money by avoiding buying expensive cassettes.

The Center also offers free tutorial lessons in Spanish for students at all levels. Jose Suarez, native of Ecuador, is in Webster Hall 350 to assist students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2 p.m., and also

on Fridays from 11 a.m. until noon.

Telecommunications is another venue to gain access to international information.

The Center will hopefully grow in the future to satisfy sophisticated demands of our population, but our most valuable element at Missouri Southern is our human resources: students, faculty, and administration. The Center offers resources to be used to prepare oneself to step into the next century. □

TECH: Systems modify rooms

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abandoned the old tools and picked up the new ones.

Political Science Research and Methods has been in the curriculum for years, but it is now offered on the computer.

"The technology we use...is a different form of chalk," Simpson said.

Simpson said the need for the student/teacher interaction will never go away, but it will evolve.

Bitterbaum believes the same.

"The dyad between a teacher and student existed 100 years ago and still exists today," Bitterbaum said. Although some classrooms have

been modified, most are still waiting for updates of equipment.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said all the classrooms on campus are computer ready and video accessible as well. It's all now a waiting game for the equipment.

The infrastructure of Southern's campus system is probably one of the best in the state, Earney said.

The college students of today are more computer savvy and have to have their attention grabbed in ways that weren't necessary years ago, Simpson said.

"Because our students are so video-oriented, one of main competitors really is MTV," he said. □

NCATE: Team briefs hierarchy

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among the faculty and staff across campus.

"Their mention of the connection across campus speaks about the fact that there is a common purpose on this campus: we are a teaching-oriented institution," Leon said. "Also, it shows that the faculty are truly concerned about the quality of instruction and the relationships they have with students."

The teacher education program will receive a report outlining the evaluation. If any mistakes are found, or something is missing that should have been documented, a rejoinder can be filed so the discrepancies can be corrected. Approximately five months after the report is received, an NCATE unit will decide whether Southern

will receive continuing accreditation or be put on probation.

"I feel confident that we will pass the evaluation," Pulliam said. "We passed five years ago, and now we are even stronger."

In the immediate future the teacher education program will begin correcting the weaknesses cited.

"The evaluation team encouraged us to work on the weakness, but at the same time not to lose focus on the strengths we have," Pulliam said.

Areas that were cited as weaknesses included a lack of ethnic and racial diversity, and a lack of cultural diversity in the faculty campus-wide.

"They would like to see the education majors be more representative of the general population," Pulliam said. □

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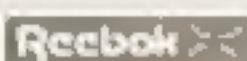


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Sports SCOPE

Miner Bowl XI: A few lessons in Rivalry 101

Even though 10 dates exist on the Missouri Southern Lions' football schedule each year, when it comes down to old-fashioned pride and determination only one game truly matters: Missouri Southern vs. Pittsburg State in Miner's Bowl XI.

And what isn't there to hate about those pesky Gorillas?



Rick Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

■ Could it be four MIAA crowns in five seasons since joining the conference ranks?
■ Could it be nine Miner's Bowl victories in 10 games?

■ Could it be the Gorillas' amazing home-winning streak of 58 consecutive regular-season home wins dating back to Nov. 5, 1994? Who was the last team to defeat PSU at home? Our sister school, Missouri Western.

It's been more than a decade (12 years to be exact), an estimated 4,380 days since PSU's Carnie Smith Stadium has witnessed a regular-season defeat. What would the Gorillas' faithful do if such an occurrence would strike them again?

■ And why does PSU allow only 150 tickets to be sold for Southern fans prior to game day? Hey Gorillas, are you scared Lion green may clash with Gorilla red, causing Carnie Smith Stadium to look like a Christmas benefit concert? But don't worry, the standing-room-only tickets won't be the only reason Lions' fans will be on their feet.

So, let's look at what history has to say about Saturday's game.

When you look at the numbers, it seems history is not in the Lions' favor, but maybe past words from former *Chart* sports writers could give new Miner's Bowl fans a lesson in Rivalry 101.

Sept. 15, 1994 — T.R. Hanrahan

It's that time again... Perhaps the Miner's Bowl hasn't been as big a bloodbath as the border wars of the 1800s, but it hasn't been without its moments.

Sept. 16, 1993 — Jeffrey Slotton

I repeatedly referred to the Pittsburg State Gorillas, the antagonists from the West, as the Apes, Monkeys, Primates, and Simians. Maybe this is why Southern's battle cry for years and years has been "Spank the Monkeys."

Oct. 24, 1991 — Ron Fauss

PSU has dominated Southern since 1985, when the Gorillas won 30-3 to start a string of six straight victories over the Lions... should live up to its billing as "the war" and provide fans with the most exciting Miner's Bowl victory ever.

But now PSU has to contend with Miner's Bowl XI at hand.

And after falling 38-28 to Missouri Western Saturday for its first MIAA loss since the Lions upset PSU 20-3 in 1993, two straight MIAA defeats could prove too much for PSU head coach Chuck Broyles and his Gorillas.

A home loss and a second-straight conference loss could serve PSU a huge helping of the "disappointing season" special — with the Lions' sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen as the master chef.

But we'll just have to wait and see. □

Rick Rogers

COMMISSIONER SEARCH

Committee looks to replace Jones

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIAA is in need of a new commissioner. With the eminent retirement of current commissioner Ken Jones, a committee has been formed to select a new one.

Dr. Janet Murphy, president of Missouri Western State College and chairperson of the committee, said it has developed specific guidelines for the selection process.

"We have guidelines set forth that every applicant will have to meet," Murphy said. "We expect

candidates to possess and demonstrate administrative experience, experience in media relations, marketing and promotions, knowledge of NCAA rules and procedures, leadership skills and business experience, creativity, and high energy, along with others."

The committee is an eight-member group made up of two athletic directors, two faculty representatives, two college presidents, and the current president and vice president of the MIAA.

Sallie Beard, Missouri Southern's women's athletic director and the College's dele-

gate to the selection committee, said she was impressed by the field of applicants.

"This is really a good group," Beard said. "They are all well qualified, and it's interesting because they are all from such different backgrounds. It should be very interesting to see who is finally picked."

Even though Beard is on the selection committee, it is unlikely she will be in on the final decision.

"I think my part in all this is finished," Beard said. "We screened the initial applicants, but I think the presidents actually interview the finalists."

From an initial field of 10 applicants, the committee has selected four finalists.

"The new commissioner will begin work on July 1, 1997," Murphy said.

Nominations and applications were due Sept. 20. The committee believes it will be able to announce the name of the new commissioner on or before Dec. 12.

"The finalists we have selected are Richard Perko, Glen Krupica, Ralph McFillen, and Ben Hovious," Murphy said.

McFillen, an executive director in the equine industry, said he

looked forward to the challenge of being commissioner.

"I want to meet with all the people involved and find out what they feel needs to be changed," McFillen said. "I am not one to make radical changes, and I certainly do not want to be one to come in and make lots of changes without consulting anyone."

"I want this conference to go in a positive direction. I know there is a desire to move the headquarters to Kansas City, and I would hope to facilitate that move and make it as easy as possible."

The MIAA headquarters is currently located in Maryville. □

FOOTBALL

Southern runs rampant over lackluster SBU

Lions take No. 3 ranking to long-time conference rival Pittsburg State

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's a format all Homecoming games, no matter what schools are involved, are intended to follow. A nationally ranked football team facing a foe that struggles to find the end zone and the win column.

This situation rang true as the third-ranked Missouri Southern football Lions pounced the winless Southwest Baptist Bearcats 45-7 in front of a full house at Fred G. Hughes Stadium Saturday.

But more importantly for the Lions, their arch-rival Pittsburg State fell victim to a shaky Missouri Western squad 38-28 in a see-saw MIAA game Saturday.

The loss, the Gorillas' first conference setback since falling to Southern 20-3 in 1993, drops PSU out of the NCAA Division II Top 20 poll for the first time this season.

(For Miner's Bowl XI preview information, please see story on page 14.)

Led by sophomore signal caller Brad Cornelsen's four touchdowns, Southern (5-0 overall, 4-0 in the MIAA) racked up 464 total yards, including 287 yards from its quarterback, en route to its best offensive showing of the season.

Cornelsen, who is the number two rated quarterback in the nation in quarterback efficiency, went to the air early, hitting senior tight end Brad Hocker for a 13-yard touchdown midway through the first quarter.

The Lions' wiry quarterback then caught fire on the ground, rushing for three straight touchdowns (11 yards, 11 yards, and 9 yards) to give Southern a 28-0 advantage just four minutes into the second quarter.

Cornelsen finished the game with four rushing touchdowns and one passing score while completing 10 of 17 passes for 172 yards and rushing for 115 yards.

Because of the absence of junior tailback

THIS WEEK'S GAME
Missouri Southern **LIONS** VS. Pittsburg State University **GORILLAS**
RECORDS: Missouri Southern 5-0
Pittsburg State 3-2
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Pittsburg, Kan.

Wallace Clay due to an ankle injury, Lions' head football coach Jon Lantz said his team had to look toward Cornelsen and senior fullback Justin Taylor to come up big in the rushing department.

Taylor returned to the Lions' sideline Saturday after missing two games with an injury.

"It was great to have Justin [Taylor] back today, because Wallace's ankle has not responded like we hoped it would," Lantz said. "We had both our starting running backs out for this game."

After a Caleb Lewis field goal, Cornelsen would strike for the final time with a 36-yard touchdown with 11 seconds left in the first half.

Defensively for the Lions, senior linebacker Richard Jordan led the charge with eight tackles, followed by senior defensive lineman Steve Halvorson with seven.

Lantz said one key for the Lions was forcing SBU quarterback Alex Castleberry to complete just one pass in 14 attempts with two interceptions.

"We knew we wanted him to throw the football," Lantz said. "We knew that we did not want him running. We felt like as long as he threw the football SBU would have a tough time getting first downs." □



Freshman tight end Dan Mullins attempts to catch a pass over a defender in Saturday's Homecoming game against Southwest Baptist. The Lions rolled over the Bearcats 45-7.

VOLLEYBALL

Southern sweeps PSU, now 6-3 in conference

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On a sweeping roll, Missouri Southern looks to have turned things around for the second half of the season.

The Lady Lions (11-8 overall, 6-3 MIAA) swept Pittsburg State (6-14 overall, 3-6 MIAA) 15-6, 15-12, and 15-3 Wednesday night at John Lance Arena in Pittsburg, Kan.

Southern also swept its two conference matches against Missouri Western (4-18 overall, 2-6 MIAA) and Northwest Missouri (15-10 overall, 3-5 MIAA) Saturday at Pittsburg, Kan.

Lady Lion head coach Debbie Traywick said her team has shown consistency in its play that was missing in the early portions of the season. She said having some extra time last week helped her team regroup and refocus.

"Every player on the floor played well," she said. "They all played anywhere from good to very good. We haven't really had any match-

es yet where everyone played well."

Traywick said her team knows it has traditionally played well in the second half, and that knowledge has helped it relax and focus on the needed improvements.

"They are improving and getting more confident; they are really relaxing and just playing," she said. "In volleyball, you have to be relaxed. If you are too tight or think too much you won't react, and volleyball is a reaction game."

Junior hitter Stephanie Gockley led the Lady Lions Wednesday night with 23 kills, two aces, and a block. Gockley is ranked third nationally in kill percentage at .448.

Chipping in were senior setter Jenny Easter with 45 assists and senior hitter Neely Burkhardt with 14 digs.

Traywick said despite the recent success her team still had some areas it needed to improve on and not get ahead of itself.

"We still need to work on



Stephanie Gockley hammers the ball against MWSC this week. She is ranked No. 3 in the nation for kill percentage.

our blocking," she said. "There were times when we did an OK job tonight, but probably 60 percent of the time we didn't do the job. We have to remember it's still one match at a time."

With four of its next five matches coming in the conference, the Lady Lions face a

crucial part of their schedule. One of the matches will be a rematch of an early-season loss to No. 2 Truman State (18-8 overall, 6-2 MIAA).

Southern will return to its home court at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Southwest Baptist (5-9 overall, 0-8 MIAA). □

SOCCER

Lions earn 3-2 win over Miners

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

Despite a recent slump, the Missouri Southern soccer Lions earned a tough 3-2 road victory against the University of Missouri-Rolla Wednesday.

In earlier action, Baker University handed Southern (10-3-1) a 4-0 loss Saturday in Baldwin City, Kan. The shutout, coupled with a disappointing 2-2 tie with Bartlesville Wesleyan, are perhaps the two weakest performances of the season for the Lions.

The Lions are looking forward to their conference match against Southwest Baptist University Tuesday in Bolivar. Southern defeated the Bearcats 3-0 earlier in the season at home.

"We have to play our game and beat them again," said sophomore forward and leading scorer Jose Suarez. "We will have to pick it up because this is an important conference game."

Rupar believes the game against SBU gives the Lions a chance to prove something to other MIAA foes.

"We have to show everyone else in the conference that we're going to be a big power — not the end of this year then next year," he said. "We played well against them last time, but it's a whole different game going up there."

After playing SBU, Southern has two of its three games remaining in the season at home. The Lions play West Texas A&M on Oct. 27, followed by a road game against Southern Nazarene in Bethany, Okla., on Oct. 31. The Lions will end the season by hosting John Brown University on Nov. 2. □

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners face 'long, hard road' ahead

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

With the attitude put forth by Southern's men's cross country team, one might guess the Lions are already conference champs.

"This group is really the best team, attitude-wise, I've ever had," said coach Tom Rutledge. "They go out there and just work hard every day. We've got a long, hard road ahead of us, but with this team's attitude, we could do it."

That "long, hard road" goes right through four nationally ranked teams —

Truman State (No. 9), Central Missouri State (No. 14), Pittsburg State (No. 22), and Northwest Missouri State (No. 25). The MIAA meet is set for Oct. 20 in Kirksville.

Such a tough conference might put a damper on any coach's season, but Rutledge, however, is focused on what's on tap.

"We are going to have to depend on some freshmen stepping it up," he said. "Josh [Rogers] and Jon [Wilks] are running and packing in well. In fact, they were just two seconds apart last Saturday at Central [Missouri State]."

Rutledge said one problem for his squad was that freshman Jake Wells finished two minutes behind the Lions' top two runners.

"For us to do well, they are all going to have to really step it up."

Rutledge also said if any team's freshmen could step it up, it was his.

"These guys are great," he said. "They come out, give me all they've got, and I really enjoy being with them. If there's anybody who could do it, it's us."

The women's race at CMSU last weekend witnessed Lady Lion runner Sonia Blacketer defeat two runners she had

never previously beaten.

"Sonia showed a lot of character this weekend," said coach Patty Vavra.

"She went out and ran an outstanding race and finally beat the two girls from Northwest [Missouri State] who had been beating her all year. She showed she could go out hard and do what needed to be done."

"She stayed with the girls from Northwest when most people would have quit, and it paid off," Vavra added. "I knew after her race last week that she would come out and run hard this week. I just didn't realize she would do so well."

Vavra said injuries will be a major factor in her team's ability to finish well in conference.

"It seems like all of our girls are having some hip and knee pain," she said. "It's not stopping them from running, but it is slowing them down."

"This week off will really help us. We'll just have to work on keeping confidence up."

The girls have to realize that even though they may have to work out in the pool or on the bike for a while, the base they have been building for the last six weeks will carry them through. □

SOCCER

Ruper takes job seriously, leads charge for conference

MIAA names
freshman forward
'Player of the Week'

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of the season, coach Jim Cook told Ryan Ruper that his job was to score goals.

The freshman forward now finds himself among the team leaders in scoring with six goals and three assists as of Wednesday. He is just one of the newcomers making an immediate impact on Missouri Southern's soccer program.

Ruper's efforts earned him MIAA player of the week honors earlier in the season.

"It was really exciting for me," he said. "I felt I could play at this level, and that just helped me get more confidence."

Ruper lettered in soccer all four years at Joplin High School, with Cook as his coach his first three seasons as an Eagle. Cook is coaching the Lions in his second season of duty.

Cook said he's glad to coach Ruper another time around and was pleased with the MIAA honor he received.

"It's always nice to see one of our kids get recognized," Cook said. "It's not only great for Ryan, but for the school and program as well."

The pre-medicine (biology) major has aspirations of finding a career while playing professional soccer.

He believes determination is the key ingredient to a player's success on the field.

Jose Suarez, sophomore forward, said everyone has his own style of attacking the other team during the heat of battle.

He classifies himself as a finesse player who likes to wait for the right opportunities, but labeled

Ruper as extremely aggressive all of the time.

"He's a good player who is not intimidated by opponents," Suarez said of his teammate.

"Ryan tries to run over them, which is his style, and it works well for him."

Even when he is not playing in a game or practice, soccer is a big part of Ruper's social life.

He likes to attend Kansas City Wiz soccer games with his Lion teammates.

"I enjoy hanging out with my friends on the team," Ruper said. "There really isn't much time for anything else during the soccer season."

According to Ruper, there are many advantages to being on the soccer squad at Southern.

He sees the sports as a great way to stay in shape while going to college and an opportunity to make new friends.

"My teammates helped me make the transition from high school to college a lot easier," he said. □



Ryan Ruper, freshman forward, accepts a pass from a Lion teammate. Ruper, who is among the team leaders in scoring with six goals, has helped lead Southern to its 10-3-1 mark, and a third place MIAA ranking.

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every
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FOOTBALL



Division II
Top 20 Poll



Regional
Rankings

SCHOOL RECORD

1. Indiana (Pa.) (5-0)
2. Central Oklahoma (5-0)
3. Missouri Southern (5-0)
4. Valdosta State (Ga.) (6-0)
5. Saginaw Valley St. (3-1)
6. North Carolina Central (6-1)
7. Texas A&M-Kingsville (3-2)
8. Northwest Missouri State (6-0)
9. West Georgia (6-1)
10. Carson Newman (Tenn.) (5-1)
11. Angelo State (Texas) (4-1)
12. Ferris State (Mich.) (5-1)
13. Nebraska-Omaha (5-2)
14. South Dakota State (5-1)
15. Grand Valley State (Mich.) (5-2)
16. Chadron State (Nebr.) (6-0)
17. Calwebb (N.C.) (5-1)
18. South Dakota (5-1)
19. Clarion (Pa.) (5-1)
20. Northern Colorado (5-1)

MIDWEST REGION

1. MISSOURI SOUTHERN
2. NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
3. NEBRASKA-OMAHA
4. SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
5. SOUTH DAKOTA
6. NORTHERN COLORADO

VOLLEYBALL



MIAA
Standings

1. Central Missouri

Overall Conf.

W-L W-L

23-1

LADY LION RESULTS

MISSOURI SOUTHERN 3, MISSOURI WESTERN 0 (15-7, 15-1, 15-3)
MISSOURI SOUTHERN 3, NORTHWEST MISSOURI 0 (15-10, 15-8, 15-5)



MIAA
Schedule

THURSDAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST @ WILLIAM JEWELL (Mo.)

FRIDAY'S GAMES

MISSOURI WESTERN @ WEST TEXAS A&M
FALL CLASSIC
TRUMAN STATE @ TAMPA (FLA.) TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY'S GAMES

MISSOURI WESTERN @ WEST TEXAS A&M
FALL CLASSIC
TRUMAN STATE @ TAMPA (FLA.) TOURNAMENT
FORT HAYS (KAN.) STATE @ WASHBURN

SOCCER



MIAA
Standing

Overall Conf.

W-L W-L

8-4 3-0

7-5 1-0

9-3-1 1-1

4-8 1-2

2-10 0-3



MIAA
Schedule

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

MISSOURI SOUTHERN @ MISSOURI-ROLLA

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

MISSOURI-ROLLA @ MCKENDREE (ILL.)

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

BAKER (KAN.) @ TRUMAN STATE

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| CENTRAL MISSOURI | 16 |
| MISSOURI WESTERN | 16 |
| MISSOURI SOUTHERN | 13 |
| TRUMAN STATE | 12.5 |
| WASHBURN | 10.5 |
| PITTSBURG STATE | 9.5 |
| LINCOLN | 5.5 |
| MISSOURI-ROLLA | 4 |
| SOUTHWEST BAPTIST | 3 |

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The Starting lineups

Missouri Southern

OFFENSE

RT-Andy Saltink
LT-Harry Hodge
RG-Matt Lock
LG-Joe Strelch
C-Dave Puckett
TE-Brad Hocker
WR-Sir Avington
WR-James Thrash
RB-Justin Taylor
RB-Wallace Clay

QB-Brad Cornelsen



Class: sophomore
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170 lbs.
Home town: Texhoma, Okla.

DEFENSE

LE-Jeriko Lovett
RE-Shad Burns
LT-Calvin Dustin
RT-Siege Halvorson
LOLB-Marque Owens
ROLB-Matt Wehner

MLB-Richard Jordan



Class: senior
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 265 lbs.
Home town: Vian, Okla.

CB-Geno Pierce
CB-A.J. Jones
SS-Taquan Gullett
FS-Rob Townsend

Pittsburg State

OFFENSE

TE-Jerry Ross
ST-Brent Baker
SG-Emilio Marroquin
C-Brandon Claypool
QG-Michael John
QT-Bob Goltra
TE-LaShawn Taylor

QB-Zach Siegrist



Class: junior
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 214 lbs.
Home town: Andover, Kan.

RB-Justin Johnson
RB-Walter Harris
WR-Chris Hudson

DEFENSE

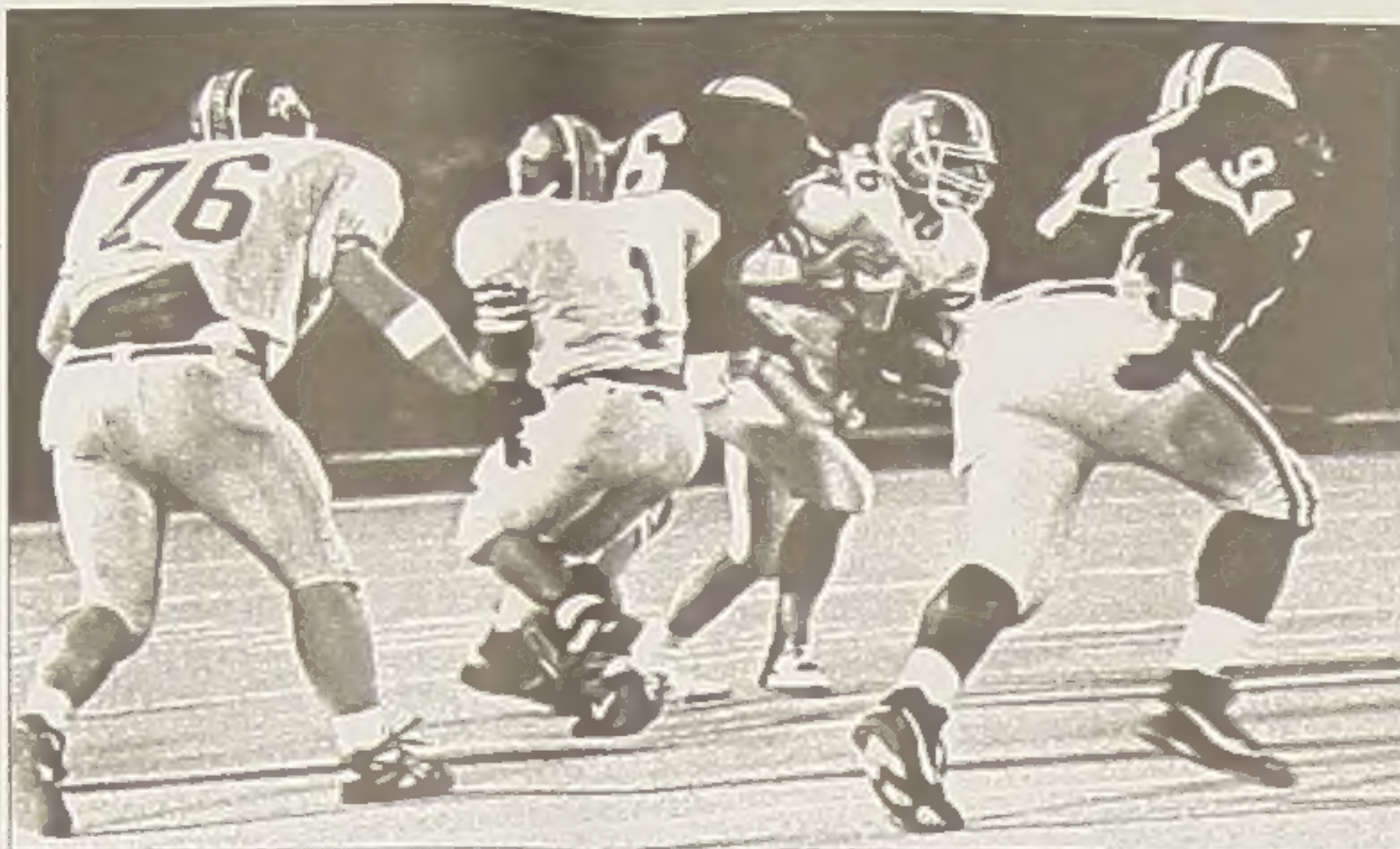
DE-Anthony Randle
DT-Mike Reynolds
DT-Chad Webb
DE-Ben Peterson
OLB-Eric Hendrick

ILB-Mark Cook



Class: senior
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 203 lbs.
Home town: Wilberton, Okla.

ILB-Matt Pinamonti
OLB-Kyle Roberson
CB-Phillip Simons
FS-Andrew Polling
CB-Justin Ferrell



Missouri Southern lost 15-14 in last year's Miner's Bowl. The Lions have won their first five games of the season and are currently ranked third in the NCAA Division II polls.

FILE PHOTO/The Chart

Since 1989, the winner of this rumble in the jungle has emerged as MIAA conference champions. Will history repeat itself? Who will be...

King of the JUNGLE

Lions look to remain unbeaten

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For the first time in Miner's Bowl history, the Pittsburg State football Gorillas will be heading into the game with a conference defeat already under their belts.

And for the first time this season, the previously fifth-ranked Gorillas have fallen from the NCAA Division II Top 25 ranks. PSU (3-2 overall, 3-1 in the MIAA) was upset 38-28 by an inconsistent Missouri Western squad in St. Joseph Saturday.

The loss marked the first MIAA defeat for the Gorillas since being upset by Missouri Southern 20-3 at Fred G. Hughes Stadium in 1993.

The Gorillas boast a 70-2-1 overall mark since joining the MIAA in July of 1989.

And while the Gorillas fell Saturday, Southern (5-0, 4-0 in the MIAA) celebrated Homecoming by slapping an overmatched Southwest Baptist team with a 45-7 loss.

Lions' head football coach Jon Lantz

said PSU's loss forces the Gorillas to be hungry for wins the rest of the way.

"I think it makes them a desperate football team," he said. "I really never have seen Pittsburg State as a desperate football team. So, I know that we are probably going to get their best."

But PSU head football coach Chuck Broyles said he didn't know how his team would react to the loss.

"We have not had a lot of experience bouncing back from losses," Broyles said. "I feel like our team will prepare for one of the biggest games in our season like they did prior to the loss. This game has a lot of importance for our season."

Even though the Gorillas' MIAA winning streak was halted at 24, they still have not lost a home game since 1984 — a total of 58 straight home victories.

Lantz said snapping PSU's home winning streak is something his squad would like to accomplish.

"We are really looking forward to going over there," he said. "There is a streak going over there that we would love to be the ones to get in the way of."

We are playing with a lot of confidence, but I don't know if we are a better football team than PSU.

"Quite honestly, I don't think either of us are the best football team in the conference," Lantz added. "I think Northwest Missouri stands true in that."

Lantz admits winning a football game in Pittsburg, Kan., is not an easy task.

"We always like playing over there and we always love the environment over there," he said. "You walk out of the locker room and people are spitting on you and yelling and screaming at you. It's just a great environment."

But Broyles said playing Southern at home gives both teams a sense of home-field advantage, because the two institutions are only 28 miles apart.

"Both teams should have good fan support," he said. "I will admit our stadium has a great atmosphere, but many teams enjoy coming in and playing in this atmosphere."

Good atmosphere or not, one thing Broyles knows his team must do is stop Lions' quarterback Brad

Cornelsen. Cornelsen racked up 287 total yards (115 yards rushing, 172 yards passing) with four touchdowns against the Bearcats Saturday.

"Brad is that type of player (who) has that type of experience you normally don't see in a sophomore," Broyles said. "But because he started many games last season, he is not a true sophomore. He has a little bit of veteran in him."

One new face in the Gorillas' offense is sophomore quarterback Zach Siegrist, who replaced four-year starter Jeff Moreland this season.

Lantz said PSU's new signal caller adds a quick-strike option to its offense, even though the Gorillas are sticking to a split-back veer format.

"When you have such a strong-arm at quarterback, it is very hard to balance out an offense like that," he said. "I don't want to second-guess them over there, but if you were designing an offense for their quarterback you probably would want to use a one-back set and let the quarterback throw the football." □

FOOTBALL

Success comes from filling teams' needs

Former high school standout makes Southern home after attending two Division I schools

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Former high school record-setter Brad Hocker has found a home away from home in Missouri Southern.

Hocker, a junior physical education major, has settled in Southern after two transfers and says the College offers him just what he's been looking for.

"I'm fairly close to home," he said. "The people around here are my kind of people."

Hocker attended Archie (Mo.) High School. There he played tailback and rushed for 9,193 yards and scored 129 touchdowns — both state records — while earning first-team all-state honors for three consecutive seasons and an appearance in *Sports Illustrated*.

"The media coverage of my high school career was really mind-boggling," Hocker said. "It was really big news in my little town."

Hocker said he is frequently asked about the transition from high school to college football. He says the key to making that transition successful was changing to fit the needs of the team.

"I just wanted to play," he said. "They ended up needing me at tight end, so that's what I'm doing now."

And sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen said Hocker has become an important ingredient in the Lions' offense.

"He is doing everything right," Cornelsen said. "He is catching the ball and getting open at the right

times. His blocking has helped him find the open holes."

Hocker, who also spent time at Kansas State University and Central Missouri State University, said the thing he likes most about playing for the Lions is the unity of the team.

"No one comes in with the attitude that they are better than anyone else," he said. "We all realize that we're part of a team and we have to be like a family."

Saturday's Pittsburg State game is the type of game Hocker loves to be a part of.

"It's a big-time game and the atmosphere is great," he said. "I really try to step it up a notch. Games like this get my adrenaline flowing."

Hocker said controlling the line of scrimmage will be a key in the game, and Southern will have to keep turnovers down and cause some for PSU.

"Even one or two turnovers can be the difference in the game," he said.

Hocker's personal goals for the season are to keep improving.

"I want to become a better football player each and every week," he said.

Southern's new offense has also been beneficial for Hocker this season.

"It's isolated me in blocking smaller linebackers as opposed to a defensive end who may weigh 50 pounds more than I do," he said.

When Hocker isn't playing, he is busy doing homework and spending time with his girlfriend. He also tries to see his family as often as possible.

"My mom is probably the biggest hero I know of," he said. "She's had a full-time job, gone to college, and raised me and my brothers, sometimes all at the same time."

Hocker is a senior in credits but plans to stay at Southern and complete his last year of eligibility. The physical education major says in 10 years he can



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Brad Hocker, Lion tight end, scores in the opening half of the Lion's win over Southwest Baptist Saturday.

see himself coaching high school football, preferably in Missouri.

There are a few principles that stand out to Hocker as things to live by.

"You have to treat the people close to you with love, and you have to treat everyone with the respect with which you would want to be treated." □